

Evangelists as Ministers of Revival

Revive a Congregation

Most congregations that are languishing recognize the problem, and they know something needs to be done. “What has to be overcome is a difficulty having to do with the will, rather than the intellect.” (Ludwig Wittgenstein) You will need to help the congregational members overcome fear, apathy, and a feeling of helplessness.

1. Be intentional. Initiate contact.
 - a. Identify the congregation you can best serve as a minister of revival.
 - b. Contact that pastor and ask if he would like your spiritual support for his congregation.
 - c. If the pastor is unwilling, be gracious and find another possibility.
2. Remember that an evangelist is not an administrator. Your calling is to work as a spiritual companion and minister of blessing, a consultant of revival. Stay away from administrative tasks.
3. Pray intentionally every day for the congregation, the pastor, and the people. Pray for their mission, both publicly and privately. Keep praying.
4. Meet with the pastor and suggest some specific ways you can assist as a minister of revival:
 - a. Work with the congregation to offer a congregational blessing. Invite colleagues to create a team of evangelists to do the blessing.
 - b. Provide preaching or teaching ministry as appropriate. Preach joy and hope.
 - c. Embody joy, live joy. Model spiritual revival.
 - d. Share your Apostolic Witness – publicly and privately. When have you met the Risen Lord? When did you experience new life? Revival begets revival! Tell your story.
 - e. With the pastor’s support, invite a small group of people to join you in establishing their own spiritual practice for renewal. Gather once a week or once a month to share with one another the progress you are experiencing.
 - f. Share with the pastor the list of suggestions on the handout “Revive Hope”: and suggest that the pastor and his leadership team choose a technique that fits the congregation. Allow the pastor to take the lead, and offer counsel, support, and spiritual guidance for the process.
5. Continue to meet with the pastor to provide support, encouragement, and spiritual renewal. Phone, email, or text him/her regularly. Affirm any good news or progress.
6. Enlist the aid of other evangelists as needed, for support, ideas, or counsel.
7. Utilize the ordained teachers of the congregation in helping with the ministry of encouragement, peace-making, and consistent care. The ordained teachers are your parallel in the Aaronic order.
8. Study scriptures on hope, joy, and new life. Apply them in your daily walk, and use them in your ministry.