

# Gospel Renewal Project



The mission of God to renew **ALL** things can take on many different forms. Just like a symphony has many different instruments, the notes of the gospel that you play will be as varied and diverse as the world we live in.

The concept of Shalom involves peace with God, ourselves, others and creation. The renewal of shalom can include reconciliation, justice, beauty and wholeness. In addition, renewal can include seeing, immersing, contending & restoring relationships, systems and conflicts. Renewal also invites us to own our own formation as a Jesus follower by living a more integrated life so we can live and tell a better story. Finally, we are invited to steward all of life, including our vocation, for the blessing others.

For simplicity sake, there are two general movements in gospel renewal. The movement towards restoration of broken creation (Reconciliation/Justice/Peacemaking) and the movement towards cultivating as an image bearer of God (Creating/Beauty/Wholeness/Telling/Neighboring). They are all inter-related, but it may be helpful as you discern where to focus in the exercise of developing a gospel renewal project.

Your task is to exercise some prophetic imagination by selecting which of the two movements and what form you want your gospel renewal project to focus on. The aim is to design a project of renewal in a context that is meaningful for you.

**Movement 1: Renewing areas of brokenness:** Brainstorm 5 areas of brokenness for each category (in your industry/workplace, church, and community)

- What brings unnecessary hardship? What breaks down or hinders community?
- What degrades human dignity? What lies or false narratives are present in your place of work?
- What areas of brokenness in your workplace are you most interested in diving into? Why are you personally interested in this issue? Are you motivated enough to move from seeing to immersion and contending?

## Work

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.
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- 5.

## Church

- 1.
- 2.
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## Community

- 1.
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Next, select what you want to be the focus of your gospel renewal project.

- Can you identify the cause of this brokenness? If necessary, take some time to do some research to better understand the issues involved. Have people attempted to address this issue before? If so, what were the solutions they proposed and why are they not working? Are there solutions that are working?
- What would it look for the gospel to interact with this issue? Using your redemptive imagination, what does a day look like when this area is healed, renewed or made whole?
- What are a few tangible ideas you have for solutions?
- Whom would you mobilize to join with you in this renewal initiative?
- What resources & sponsorship might you need from those in positions of power?
- What's a realistic time-line to see progress?
- What might you have to sacrifice to see this through?

## **Movement 2: Cultivating as an image-bearer of God**

Brainstorm initiatives you can create (in your industry/workplace, church, and community).

- What doesn't exist in your context that would be a blessing to others?
- What kingdom reality do you want others to participate in?
- What common good is missing?
- What do you miss doing or enjoy doing already?

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Next, select what you want to be the focus of your gospel renewal project:

- What do you envision creating?
- Whom will it serve?
- What gap are you hoping it will fill?
- Do some research to better understand why what you want to create doesn't exist. Have people attempted to create this before? If so, what were the results and why did it disappear?
- Do you have the resources to create what you have in mind? If not, how will you attain those resources?

**The goal is to get the beginnings of plan in place. Your gospel renewal project could last 1 week or it could last 1 year. It all depends on what you are trusting God to do in and through you and your vocational influence.**