

## **Church Revitalization Roundtable Guidelines**

**Mission:** To strengthen one another through open exchange of Questions, ideas, best practices, mistakes and successes.

**Scriptural basis:** Proverbs 27:17 "As Iron sharpens iron, so a man sharpens the countenance of his friends"

**Purpose:** To create an environment where pastors of similar situations can come together to exchange ideas on topics related to ministry in the local church.

Ideally this group will involve 5 to 10 pastors of similar size and demographics.

Note these churches do not have to all do church the same way. Diversity is our friend in this format, it is where we learn from each other.

This is not the Georgia Baptist convention's roundtable it belongs to the participants. The group will decide the date of the next meeting and the frequency of meeting times.

Confidentiality is of the utmost importance, we desire to build and honor one another's trust.

A facilitator will guide the group through pertinent topics that will help individuals at the table.

The facilitator will help the group settle on topics for the next meeting, we can decide some of these at the meeting for the next meeting or by email a few weeks before the meeting.

Be aware that through discussion new topics will arise that are important to and helpful for the group.

The meeting will not be just another gathering it must be a productive time of encouragement and discussion.

**Time frame:** The roundtable usually starts at 10 am and goes into lunch we then can go to lunch together and continue discussion there if needed. This meeting usually last two to four hours.

**Location:** The meeting location can be central or move around from church to church or the associational office. It can be held at a coffee shop or private office but you need a comfortable private environment.

**Topics:** These are just example and do not limit the conversation- Sermon preparation, Vision casting, Bringing productive change, Sunday school or small group ministry, budgeting, building staff, developing volunteers, becoming visitor friendly, technology, current reading practices, dealing with difficult people, preparing your church for a productive future. This list is never ending.

**Ground Rules:** This is not a place for theological debate. We will show respect for one another.

One of our greatest resources in SBC is the character and skills of our pastors