

Comeback Churches

(From *Comeback Churches*, Stetzer & Dodson)

1. **LEADERS** (What can you get done through others)
 - a. Shared ministry
 - b. Invested time in among leaders with growth attitudes
 - c. Gave away non-ministry tasks (administrative duties)
 - d. Spent more time doing "people stuff" (mentoring, relation-building)
2. **VISION**
 - a. Paint the picture
 - b. Persuade the persuadable
 - c. Explain the risks and costs
 - d. Keep the vision before the people
3. **ATTITUDE FACTORS**
 - a. Churches must grow to love the lost
 - b. Churches must turn outward
 - c. Churches must want to serve the community
 - d. Churches must care more about the community than their own preferences
 - e. Planning and intentionality
 - f. Value reconciling relationships
 - g. Prayer - prayer - prayer
4. **INTENTIONAL and STRATEGIC EVANGELISM**
 - a. Love God and the church
 - b. Go and tell
 - c. Organize
 - d. Utilize front door entry
 - e. Help people bring friends
 - f. Ministry and Service
 - g. Outreach events
 - h. Welcoming Process (Alphin)
 - a. Sunday afternoon contact from layperson
 - b. Mail pastor's letter on Monday
 - c. Thursday contact from Sunday School/small group leaders
 - d. Saturday contact (from pastor or layperson)
5. **VALUE OF SUNDAY SCHOOL AND SMALL GROUPS**
 - a. To connect people you must move people from worship to Sunday School or small groups
 - b. Six months - Seven friends (William Hendricks)
 - c. Meet-eat-fellowship-sharing and meeting needs-Bible study
 - d. "People are not looking for a friendly church, they are looking for friends"

6. DISCIPLESHIP

- a. Practices of Bible study, prayer, spiritual disciplines
- b. Missional living (evangelism)
- c. Service/ministry
- d. Community

7. START NEW GROUPS

- a. Empower group leaders
- b. Space/location
- c. Training of leaders (mentor, model, apprenticeships)

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