

# A Guide to Starting a Renewal Cell

**Source:** *Reappearing Church: The Hope of Renewal in the Rise of Our Post-Christian Culture* by Mark Sayers

1. **Pray and ask God** to bring to mind people in your life who demonstrate spiritual hunger and a life of prayer, or a desire to cultivate both. Write down their names.
2. **Invite** the people on your list to commit to meeting for an hour a week, for 14 weeks, to study renewal and to contend in prayer for God to bring renewal in your personal lives, your family, your church and your region.
3. **Commit** to meet weekly at the same time and place for an hour. Agree that you will make it your highest priority to attend each meeting.
4. Obtain a copy of *Reappearing Church by Mark Sayers* for each member of the group.
5. **Let the book read you.** Focus your conversation not on what you read, but on how you are making room in your life for the Holy Spirit to transform you.
6. Come to each meeting **prepared**, having read the assigned chapter in *Reappearing Church*.

## Sample Group Schedule (60 Minutes)

1. **Worship.** Begin with praise and adoration. You might incorporate music, Scripture and prayer. **(10 minutes)**
2. **Spin the Pen to see who will summarize the chapter.** This will keep everyone in a position of readiness to learn. **(5 minutes)**
3. **Discuss this week's reading.** What is one renewal principle that stood out to you and why? **(10 minutes)**
4. **Discuss your life and practice.** How did you go about integrating last week's reading into your life and practice? What is one personal change you will make this week to partner with God in His plan of renewal? Share that with the group. Hold each other accountable from week to week. **(15 minutes)**
5. **Contend in prayer** for God to bring renewal to your personal lives, your family, your church and your region. **(20 minutes)**