

## FALL 2016 SERMON SERIES

# Understanding Gospel Renewal

**Sept 11 – A Vision for Gospel Renewal – John 4:6-30, 39-42**  
Discover how we will, by God's grace, strive to see the gospel renew our community over the next five years.

**Sept 18 – Gospel Renewal & The Story Of The Universe – Mark 1:14-15**  
The power of the gospel in renewing all things is not simply *a* theme in the Bible; it is *the* theme of the Bible. Through Jesus Christ, God is working to renew everything that has been ruined by sin.

**Sept 25 - Gospel Renewal & Prayer - Acts 4:23-31**  
If we are going to see our vision realized, we must begin with prayer, for God alone has the power to renew our community through the gospel.

**Oct 2 - Gospel Renewal & Ourselves – Exodus 20:1-17**  
While it is commonly thought that the gospel is something unbelievers need, we will discover that the gospel is also for believers. The secret to growing as a Christian is to continually grow deeper in the gospel.

**Oct 9 - Gospel Renewal & Community - Mark 1:16-20**  
The gospel shapes and creates community. Jesus incarnationally brought renewal to those around him so they would see the gospel being lived out. Gospel renewal does not happen on our own; it happens in community.

**Oct 16 - Gospel Renewal & The City - Jeremiah 29:4-14**  
The gospel shows us the importance of cities and how we are to relate to the city; not by isolating *from* it or assimilating *to* it, but by seeking its common good.

**Oct 23 - Gospel Renewal & The World - 2 Corinthians 5:17-21**  
The gospel is good news not just for us and our city, but for the whole world. Christ came for people from every tribe, nation, and tongue. Therefore, we are compelled to take the good news across ethnic, cultural, and linguistic boundaries.

**Oct 30 - Gospel Renewal & Money – Acts 4:32-37**  
We always give effortlessly to that which gives us meaning. When our hearts are captured by the good news of Jesus Christ, we delight to give generously to Christ's work, to his people, and to his causes.

**Nov 6 - Gospel Renewal & Justice/Mercy Ministries - Isaiah 58:1-14**  
A gospel renewed heart shows itself in acts of mercy and justice - meeting basic needs, advocating for those with less power, and seeking to make the city a good place to live for everyone. A gospel centred church should be known for its word *and* deed ministries.

**Nov 13 - Gospel Renewal & Church Planting – Ezekiel 37**  
Church planting has been shown to be the most effective method of evangelism. If we are going to see the CRD renewed through the gospel, it will take more than just our church - it will take a church planting movement.



# Fall 2016 Timeline

## **Sept 11**

“Vision Sunday” – During the service, Pastor Barton will give a broad overview of the RENEW vision and the RENEW booklet will be distributed.

## **Sept 25**

After the sermon, Pastor Barton will outline the proposed plan for achieving the RENEW vision.

## **Sept 25**

All church prayer meeting (6:30-7:30pm, childcare provided).

## **October 25**

Multigenerational and multiethnic focus groups will gather to discuss the RENEW vision.

## **Nov 6**

Following the service, the finance committee will present the funding proposal of the RENEW vision.

## **Nov 13**

Town hall meeting (following the service).

## **Dec 7**

On this Wednesday evening (6:00-7:30pm, childcare provided), we will vote on the RENEW vision.

## **Jan 2017**

Implementation of the RENEW vision begins.