

Life after *Veritas*

A Special Note to Pastor(s)

1. Pastor(s), your job is not to lay awake at night thinking about these things. Your job is to get other people to lay awake at night thinking about these things.
2. Reaffirm your identity in Christ and find your worth in him. Reconnect with Jesus...with his message and mission. It takes a healthy missional pastor to lead a healthy missional church. Revitalization starts with you.
3. Practice healthy self-differentiation.
4. Do the work of an evangelist. Personally lead your church in the ministry of evangelism.
5. Answer honestly the VIM questions for the Pastor(s). You may want to talk with a spiritual director, counselor or your superintendent.
6. Use *Veritas* as the pivot point to move the church forward.
7. Sign up for a coach and grow to that next level as a leader. (Coaching Startup Kit)
8. Learn about family systems and how your church family works.
9. Dig up the radical life giving stories from the archives of the church and tell those stories with an eye to the future
10. Visit the oldest living member of your church and secure their blessing.
11. Preach on the preconditions of vitality using the resource, "It Starts with the Soil, not with the Seed." Notice how these preconditions are found in Acts.
12. Assess the church's readiness for change (do a soil test).

"Instead of focusing on attracting new people, ask how much change this congregation will support, how much change it will tolerate, and what level of change will arouse immobilizing opposition." – Lyle Schaller
13. Learn how to lead healthy missional change.
14. Remember that the three tasks of a leader are to define reality, bear the pain of others, and to say "thank you."

On behalf of the entire *Veritas* Teaching Team, we thank you for participating today. We are praying for you in these challenging days for the Church.