

## ***A Tale of Two Churches***

### **Case Study Discussion Questions**

*Please make notes in response to the following questions to help you contribute to group discussions. The following handouts may be helpful: The Congregational Transformation Model, the Congregational Bodylife Model and the Bodylife Traits of a Healthy Congregation chart. When you refer to a specific incident, please note the line number for easy reference during discussions.*

1. What is your assessment of the spiritual and relational vitality of pastors Johnny Builderback and Jimmy Dapper? What personal factors from their past and current circumstances are affecting them? Identify some specific ways that they could strengthen their spiritual and relational vitality.
2. What is your assessment of the two congregations' spiritual and relational vitality—Calvary and Renewal of Hope? What factors from their past and current circumstances are at work? Identify some specific ways the congregations could strengthen their spiritual and relational vitality.
3. What is the mission and vision of Calvary Baptist and Renewal of Hope and how are these convictions influencing the congregations?
4. How would you describe the two congregations' interaction with their contexts (local community, broader culture, religious networks)? How did circumstances and changes in their communities affect the churches?
5. How have important events or issues in the histories of the two churches affected them? What dynamics from the past are currently influencing them? What needs attention now?
6. How are Calvary and Renewal of Hope utilizing the eight-stage change process? What could be done to strengthen that process?
7. How effectively are the churches practicing the four learning disciplines? What could be done to strengthen these disciplines?
8. How would you assess the congregations' efforts to implement ministry, develop effective structures and processes, and steward resources? What could be done more effectively?
9. In what ways are Calvary and Renewal of Hope gathering, interpreting and using feedback about their progress toward God's vision for them? How could feedback be more useful?
10. What issues affecting these churches and leaders are also affecting you and your congregation? What needs more attention in your life at this time and in the life of your congregation? What will you do about these challenges and opportunities?