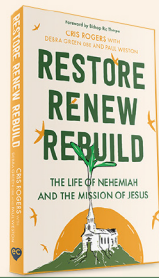


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Questions for discussion or reflection Session 5

Can you identify ways in which we've previously built church around our personalities, desires and needs, rather than with Jesus as the centrepiece?

Cris lists his suggestions for what it would look like to rebuild the church in line with God's vision:

- Utterly dependent on Jesus and nothing else
- Must be immersed in, and attentive and obedient to the Word and the Spirit of God
- More diverse in congregations and leadership
- Smaller and more community centred
- Led by teams not by a single, dynamic leader
- More lay leadership
- Lower maintenance and higher impact
- Focused less on Sunday gatherings and more on equipping the saints for action
- Emotionally open and aware
- Real and authentic
- Daring and brave
- For those on the outside, not those on the inside

What would you add? What would you take away? What do you agree with? What do you disagree with?

What was your response when you heard Cris share about the 'Centres of Hope' in Iraq? What might a Centre of Hope look like in your community?