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Peter really began our journey in revitalization in the fall of 2007 when we invited him to offer a seminar on church vitality. Key to his message was the definition of revitalization and 3 facts about revitalizing churches:

- Revitalization: to bring back to vitality. (Most people want their churches to be alive but are surprised by the cost).
- 3 Facts about Revitalizing churches:
  - 1) Revitalization always means change
  - 2) Change always brings conflict
  - 3) Outside help brings greater potential for success

Through his seminar we learned of the life cycle of a congregation and the differences between renewal, revitalization, and redevelopment.