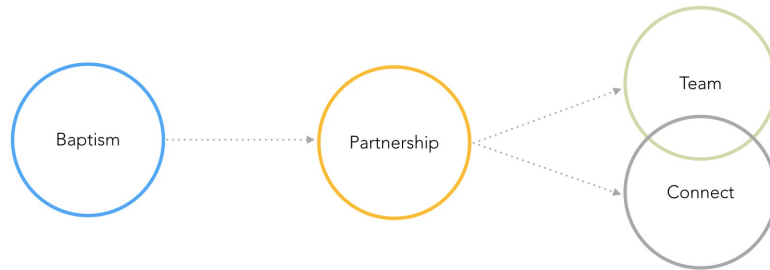


What's the purpose of Pastoral Care?

Heartbeat:



Instead, we will speak the truth in love, growing in every way more and more like Christ, who is the head of his body, the church. He makes the whole body fit together perfectly. Ephesians 4:15-16a

What's the purpose of pastoral care?

Our role is to help people come closer to Jesus and closer to each other - the same heart beating through us all.

Our own heartbeat

In sync with his...

'If the work of God is not deep and genuine in your heart, how can you expect him to bless your labours for the salvation of others?' Richard Baxter - "The Reformed Pastor"

We believe God will work through us to transform others - but this is only possible if we continually allow him to transform us! Our own hearts must be beating in sync with His.

With skill...

Psalm 78:72 - NLT

*He cared for them with a true heart
and led them with skilful hands.*

To care for people requires not just a caring heart, but skilful hands. We work together as a team utilising the different skills we have and being aware of our own boundaries.

In strength not just weakness...

'Pastoral care is as much interested in a man's strengths as his problems' Derek Tidball - "Skilful Shepherds"

It's not just the broken hearts that need care, we also need to invest in people's strengths and help them to realise their potential in Christ. We are here to encourage what God has placed in people's hearts into a reality.

As a Pastoral Team we need to be constantly asking the following questions:

Hi, how are you doing?

Where are you at the moment? What's going on for you right now? Where are you spiritually? How is your heart beating?

Have you thought about.....?

What's next for you? What can you do to grow and develop? Where can you go to access support?

Every time we speak to someone and find how they are doing we need to show them the next step. All the time seeking to enable people to become part of the body, closer to Jesus and closer to each other.

For example:

- for those completing Alpha it may be Baptism
- for those being Baptised it may be Connect or Serving
- for those struggling with addictions or emotional health it may be OpenGate or Listening Service
- for those in grief it may be Forget Thee Not or No Man Walks alone.

These circles show all that we have to offer for the people we connect with at Renewal to help them take their next step.

