

Our Mission A relentless pursuit of obedient disciples.

## Why Churches?

Why not just small groups or fellowships?

- Church planting is the best method to fulfill the Great Commission.
- The Church is pregnant with potential.
- The Church is a lasting pillar of truth in a community.
- The Church is the place where shepherds gather sheep.
- The Church is the institution created by ordained by Jesus Christ.

Jesus said, "I will build my church, and the gates of hell will not stand against it."

## Acts 2:42-47

Imagine churches that are:

- Filled with people devoted to the teachings of Jesus.
- Where we as disciples are constantly in awe, at the signs & wonders & miracles of the Living God.
- That's so generous there are no needy persons among them.
- That has sincere joy and gladness, meeting in homes and praising God!
- Where the Lord adds daily to their number those who are being saved.
- That gives birth to more and more churches!

## Today

First, I'm going to share the story of how that first, beautiful church came to be.

Second, I'm going to show you a New Testament pattern for church planting.

Third, I'm going to invite you to join us as a church planter.

## Matthew 9:35-38

<sup>35</sup> Jesus went through all the towns and villages, teaching in their synagogues, proclaiming the good news of the kingdom and healing every disease and sickness. <sup>36</sup> When he saw the crowds, he had compassion on them, because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd.

## Pray

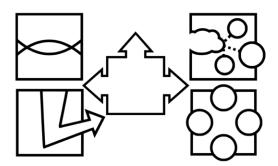
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## Acts 1 & 2

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- 4) The believers obeyed: (Acts 2:42)
- 5) The Lord sent out workers: (Acts 2:47ff.)

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## **My Next Step**

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- 2. Attend Encounter weekend.



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### S: Send Me!

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Isaiah 6:8, "Here am I, send me."

### **T: To Plant Churches**

Not just one, but many throughout your region. Our vision: 1,000 churches

### A: Acts 1 & 2 as our model

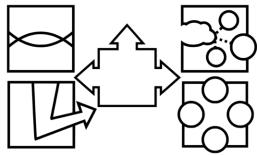
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### R: Right here and now

God is calling you to join Him in the harvest field. God uses Acts 4:13 Christians (ordinary, unschooled). We plant churches, period. All types. In creative spaces & places.

### T: Take a step of faith

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