



# **CHURCH PLANTING MANUAL**

## **WE PLANT CHURCHES**

WELCOME TO A COMMUNITY OF CHURCH PLANTERS  
WITH A VISION OF STARTING 1,000 CHURCHES  
IN CREATIVE SPACES AND PLACES  
THROUGHOUT THE WORLD.

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# ENCOUNTER

*"Go into all the world."  
Matthew 28:20*

## Introduction

**J**esus' instruction to his workers is clear: we are to go into all the world, make disciples, and teach them to obey everything that Jesus commanded.

If the church is to have any systems at all, it is to have systems that produce obedient disciples of Christ. The purpose of our work is not just to plant churches, but to plant churches that produce obedient disciples.

What we want to teach is a simple yet biblical method of planting churches that will produce obedient disciples.

The five strategies we will teach are found in scripture, both in many stand-alone commands but they are also the heart of Jesus' many agrarian parables in which he taught how the Kingdom expands. His use of the growth cycle, from planting a seed to harvesting fruit, to teach his followers how they should do his work teaches us several key lessons:

- That producing disciples has a step-by-step nature to it
- That the process has key requirements (sowing, growing, harvesting, sowing)
- That the process repeats itself. It is intended to multiply
- That the process requires the combination of God's power and human work
- Ask God to grant you favor with those with whom you will speak

## Where do people learn to be obedient disciples

Jesus left two institutions on earth that are intended to produce obedient disciples, the church and the family. The goal of each of these is to produce new life, teach that person how to obey God, and send that person out to produce more new life.

Both the church and the family are intended to multiply; new believers, new churches, and new Christian families.

## **The Process of organic growth and multiplication**

- Everything born is intended to multiply: Believers, Churches, Families.
- The growth of the Kingdom on earth happens through multiplication
- Jesus used agrarian parable to explain this principle

## **The necessity of obedience for multiplication**

- The priority of the pursuit of obedient disciples of Jesus necessary for multiplication
- Obedient Disciples are intended to be the harvest for the church (not just new churches)

There are no new churches without obedient disciples

## **The core commands of Jesus**

- Love the Lord your God
- Love your neighbor as yourself
- Go into all the world and make disciples, teaching them to obey
- Ask the Lord of the harvest to send out workers.

What the church needs to succeed is followers of Christ that obey these commands regardless of the cost.

## **Overview of the five strategies to produce obedient disciples**

- Strategy 1 – Pray
- Strategy 2 – Speak Out
- Strategy 3 – Gather
- Strategy 4 – Obey
- Strategy 5 – Send Out

# **The Necessity of Encountering God at each level of our work**

Each one of these strategies is implemented by people but empowered by God. The church planter will need to encounter God as they lead the work of praying, speaking, gathering, obeying and sending out.

It's important that as we do this work of church planting that we encounter God and work in the power of the Holy Spirit to accomplish each one of these strategies.

## **Encountering God as we pray**

We learn much about how to plant our church in our prayer closet. Jesus said that we should go into our room and close the door and talk to our father in heaven. Jesus wants us to learn to learn from him about what he plans to accomplish in our church plant.

It is often in prayer that we first encounter the living presence of God in our life. We hear God speak to us through his Holy Spirit and we receive instructions from God in prayer.

We should make earnest prayer to God about where we should plant a church and who should work with us. We should be in prayer for people that we haven't yet met. Believing that the Holy Spirit is at work calling them to himself. We should gather a group of people around us that will be praying for us not just that we succeed in our work but that the power of God will go before us into both the community and into the hearts of people that he is going to call into his Kingdom and into his church.

## **Encountering God as we speak out**

When Jesus sent out his disciples, he told them not to worry about what they would say because the Holy Spirit would guide their speech. All church planters experience divine moments in which they encounter someone and speak about what God has put in the planter's heart and they come away realizing that God had prepared that moment in advance. These God moments are essential moments for all church planners.

We want to be able to speak to the people that God has prepared to hear his message. We need God to guide us about such things as: who we should talk to, how we should approach this person, what appeals we should make, and what should we say. We also need to be prepared to

share the Gospel with anyone who is ready to accept Christ at the moment we speak to them. We will need to develop a repertoire of ways of guiding people into the Kingdom of Heaven by guiding them to the place of repentance and surrender to Christ. This can only happen as we encounter God as we speak to other people.

## **Encountering God as we gather**

The church is a divine institution started by God for his purposes. The church was started by God to produce obedient disciples of Christ who expand his Kingdom on the earth.

God's plan is to gather people from different social networks and form a new social network where the members of the group share a common heavenly father, live in unity, care for each other, and become obedient disciples of Jesus together.

It is God's will and God's plan that we gather people into churches. The church is a nurturing source in our lives and a source where we encounter God as a group through the scripture, through prayer, through worship, and through learning together.

The birth of a church is a divine moment made possible only by the Holy Spirit who is at work in the world to expand the Kingdom of God on earth. We need the power of God to gather people into the church. If people who desire to follow God aren't gathered into the church, the roots of this new life in Christ will wither.

Gathering people into the church moves us from seeking to follow God alone to acknowledging that we need other people around us to teach us, to guide us, and that we have a responsibility to care for others in our new family.

## **Encountering God as we obey**

It is impossible to become an obedient disciple of Jesus without a deep, transforming spiritual encounter with God that heals our ability to love God and others fully, and births within us a passion for the cause of Christ that is larger than our fear of death.

God's desire is not just to gather people into a church but to do a deep work of transformation in each of our lives. This is the reason why we gather people and plant churches. We want to teach people to encounter God in deep ways that heal the brokenness in the deepest part of our being. This work is supernatural and this encounter with God changes us from the inside out.

This encounter with God enables us to become fully obedient disciples of Jesus. It enables us to obey Jesus' commands to love the Lord



our God with all our heart, soul, mind, and strength and our neighbors as ourselves. This transformation enables us to obey the Great Commission to go into all the world and speak about Jesus and sow the seeds of the Kingdom in the lives of people. This transformation makes possible the success of the plan of God for churches and families, and ensures that the Kingdom of heaven expands on earth and organic multiplication of the Kingdom takes place from generation to generation.

### **Encountering God as we send out**

Jesus said, "Peace be with you! As the Father has sent me, I am sending you." God's plan to gather people is complemented by his plan to send people out. Jesus kept his disciples around for basic training, sent them to do the work, and mentored them when they returned to him with stories and questions.

In Israel, the Sea of Galilee is frothing with fish and other marine life. The Sea of Galilee pours into the Jordan River which flows into the Dead Sea. The Dead Sea is appropriately named, because no plants or animals can live there due to the high concentration of salt (nearly 10 times more concentrated than the ocean).

The salt accumulates because the Dead Sea has no outlet to allow the water to flow through it. The same happens in a church that doesn't Send Out. God asks us to send out the workers as an act of faith that he will provide for the leadership and ministry needs of our churches. This act of sending is also the catalyst of multiplication which happens when a sent ones sends.

## **The necessity for training, practice, and counsel at each level of our work**

Jesus said to us that no matter what we do, we should do it with all our might. If Jesus has called you to be a church planter, then you want to be able to do this work in the best way possible. There's much that you can learn about planting a church that produces obedient disciples.

In some ways, church planting is done only by God's power, but it also requires hard work and good systems. The system of church planting described in this manual will teach you a simple system of five strategies. It is our prayer that you will learn to do each step well.

# NEXT STEP

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## Encounter

Church Planter Mentorship

Is God calling you to plant a church?

Discover a simple and Biblical method at ENCOUNTER.

Encounter is a weekend training followed by ongoing mentorship that will equip you to plant churches in creative spaces and places.

To attend an Encounter weekend scan the QR code or visit this link:  
[www.ChurchDevelopment.Network](http://www.ChurchDevelopment.Network)



### WORKBOOK

The next section of this book is designed as a workbook to be used during the Encounter Weekend.



# SESSION ONE

# GOD'S CALL

- INTRODUCTION -

## ONE MISSION

THE RELENTLESS PURSUIT OF OBEDIENT DISCIPLES

## FOUR VALUES

### **God-filled environments**

We work from a vibrant relationship with God. Prayer and worship is the fuel for fruitfulness in our ministry. Our training and mentorship sessions always function in a prayer saturated, God-filled environment.

### **Rapid Deployment**

An innovation of our work is rapid deployment. We teach immediate obedience to Christ and quickly deploy workers in the harvest field. We begin the work as soon as God calls and trust Him to provide all that is needed as He builds His church. The resources are in the harvest.

### **No more orphan churches**

We are a network of networks. Our strength is built on relational connections in the context of community. We link arms with everyone who is engaged in the work of planting Christian churches. People from different denominations and backgrounds are welcome to share in our resources, training and mentorship.

### **Unpredictable pathway with predictable steps**

Every community, church planter, and church plant is different and unique. With that in mind, we expect an unpredictable pathway during your church planting journey. The unpredictable pathway is guided by predictable steps throughout our four primary environments: Jumpstart, Encounter +mentorship, Launchpad, and Sent Summit.

## **FIVE STRATEGIES**

### **Strategy One – Pray**

We work in the intersection where heaven meets earth.

### **Strategy Two – Speak Out**

We reach people through acquaintances and persons of peace.

### **Strategy Three – Gather**

We prioritize gathering together as the church.

### **Strategy Four – Obey**

We teach people to obey all that Jesus commanded.

### **Strategy Five – Send Out**

We quickly deploy laborers into the harvest field.

## **FOUR ENVIRONMENTS**



**Jumpstart**



**Encounter**  
Church Planter Mentorship



**Launchpad**



**Sent Summit**

## **ONE VISION**

We are a community of church planters with  
a vision of starting 1,000 churches in  
creative spaces and places throughout the world.

# GOD'S CALL

God's Call will interrupt whatever you were busy doing

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Sets our priorities

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Raises and sends workers

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Gives purpose and direction

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Needs to be articulated

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Ignites vision and ministry passion

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Requires conscientious planning

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Activates our faith

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Guards against distractions

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Defines our sphere of ministry

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Expands our area of activity

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## MANIFEST PRESENCE

*"The Presence and the manifestation of the Presence are not the same. There can be one without the other. God is here when we are wholly unaware of it. He is manifest only when and as we are aware of His presence."*

*~ A.W. Tozer, Pursuit of God*

# MILESTONES

**M1**

Church  
Conceived  
in Heaven

**M2**

Church  
Gathered  
on Earth

**M3**

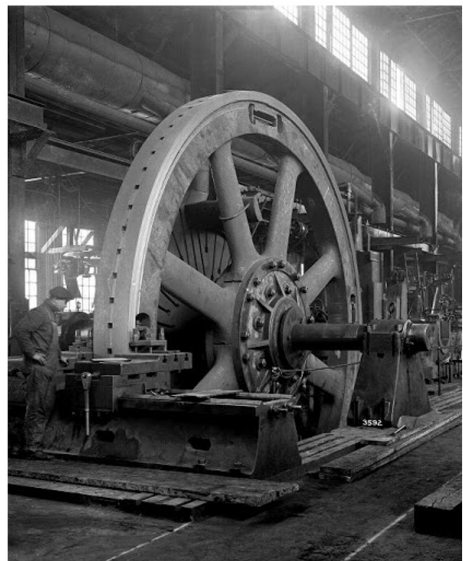
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Planter  
Sent Out

## FLYWHEEL PRINCIPLE

A flywheel is an incredibly heavy wheel that takes huge effort to push.

Keep pushing and the flywheel builds momentum. Eventually it starts to turn itself and generates its own momentum -- and that's when a company goes from good to great.

~Jim Collins, Good to Great



# SESSION TWO

# VISION

## WHAT MAKES A CHURCH A CHURCH?

THE THREE C'S

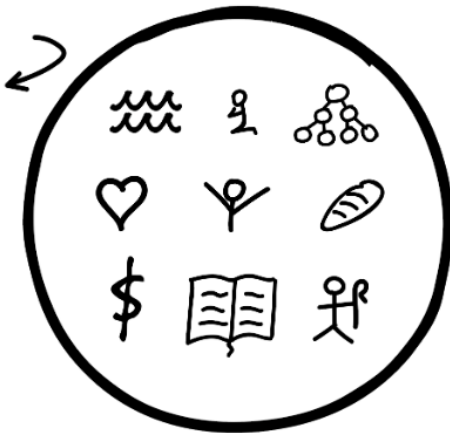
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## CHURCH CIRCLE



1. Repent & Believe
2. Baptism
3. Prayer
4. Discipleship
5. Love
6. Worship
7. Sacraments
8. Offering
9. Bible Study
10. Caring Shepherds



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# VISION

*"The only thing worse than being blind  
is having sight but no vision."*

*Helen Keller*

Godly vision is surfaced by the needs of others

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Gives rise to godly compassion

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Inspires godly prayers

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Invites response to God's call

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Changes through godly plans

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Anticipates godly changes

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Godly leaders mobilize others

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Visionary leaders embrace "Z" thinking

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## Vision

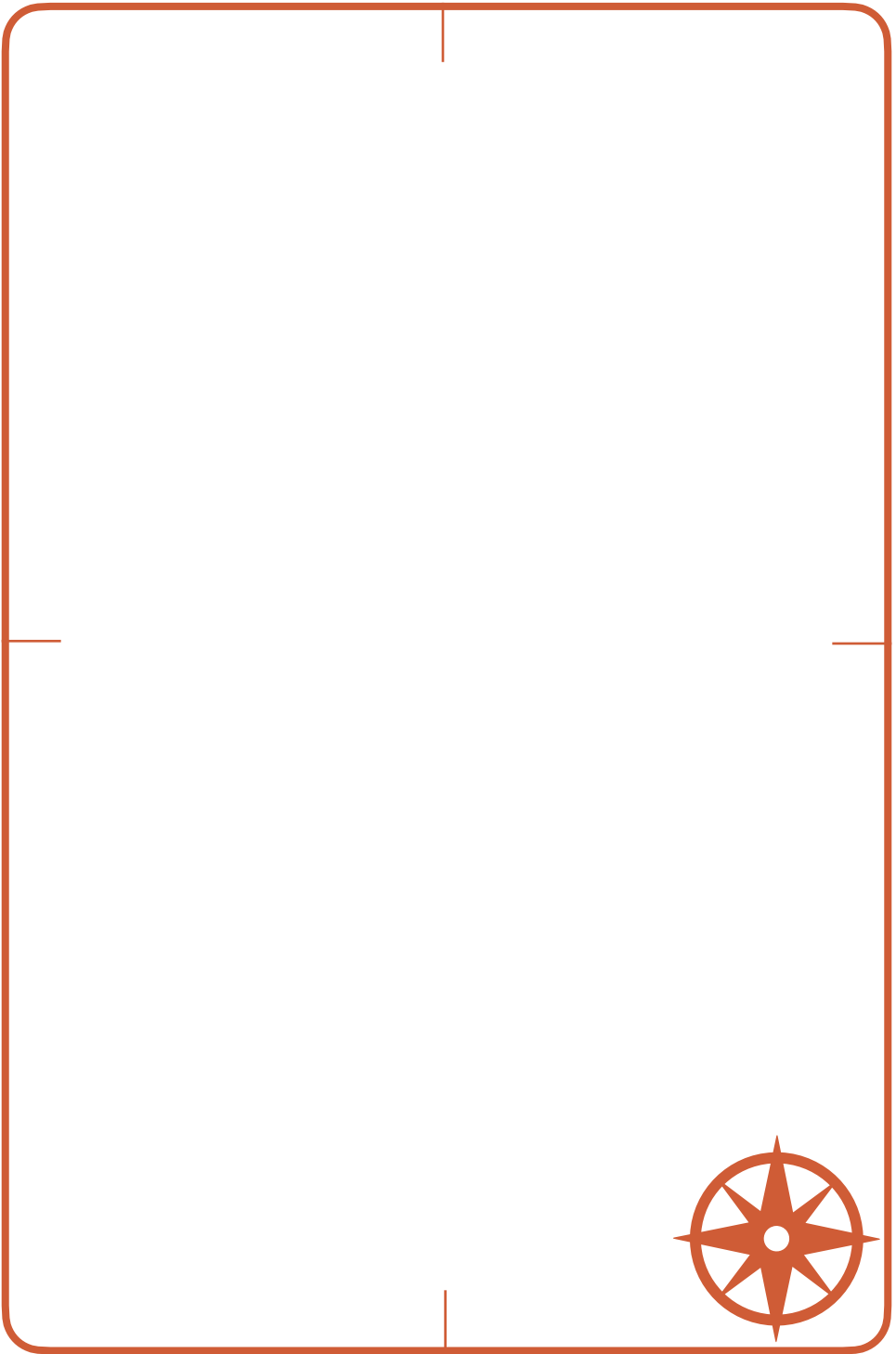


**This Gospel of the kingdom will be  
preached in the whole world as a  
testimony to all nations,  
and then the end will come.**

**Matthew 24:14**



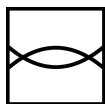
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## SESSION THREE

# 5 STRATEGIES



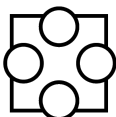
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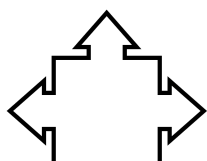
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### **Strategy Four – Obey**

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### **Strategy Five – Send Out**

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# 5 STRATEGIES IN THE BOOK OF ACTS

## Pray

### Acts 1:14

They all joined together constantly in prayer, along with the women and Mary the mother of Jesus, and with his brothers (See also Acts 2:1-3).

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## Speak Out

### Acts 2:14

Then Peter stood up with the Eleven, raised his voice and addressed the crowd: "Fellow Jews and all of you who live in Jerusalem, let me explain this to you; listen carefully to what I say."

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## Gather

### Acts 2:46

Every day they continued to meet together in the temple courts. They broke bread in their homes and ate together with glad and sincere hearts, praising God and enjoying the favor of all the people (See also Acts 5:42).

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## Obey

### Acts 2:42

They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and to fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer.

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## Send Out

### Acts 2:47

And the Lord added to their number daily those who were being saved (See also Acts 8:1; 10:36; 13:3; 28:28).

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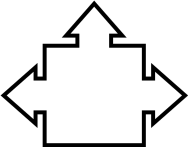
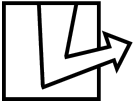
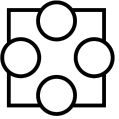
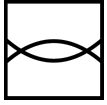
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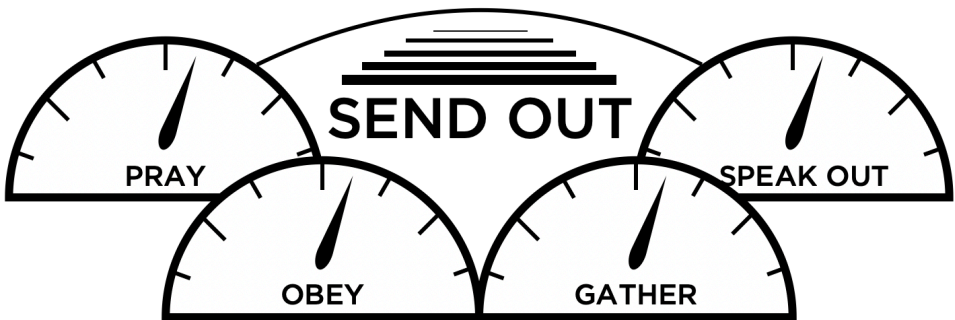


## Workshop

Take turns reciting & drawing the 5 strategies

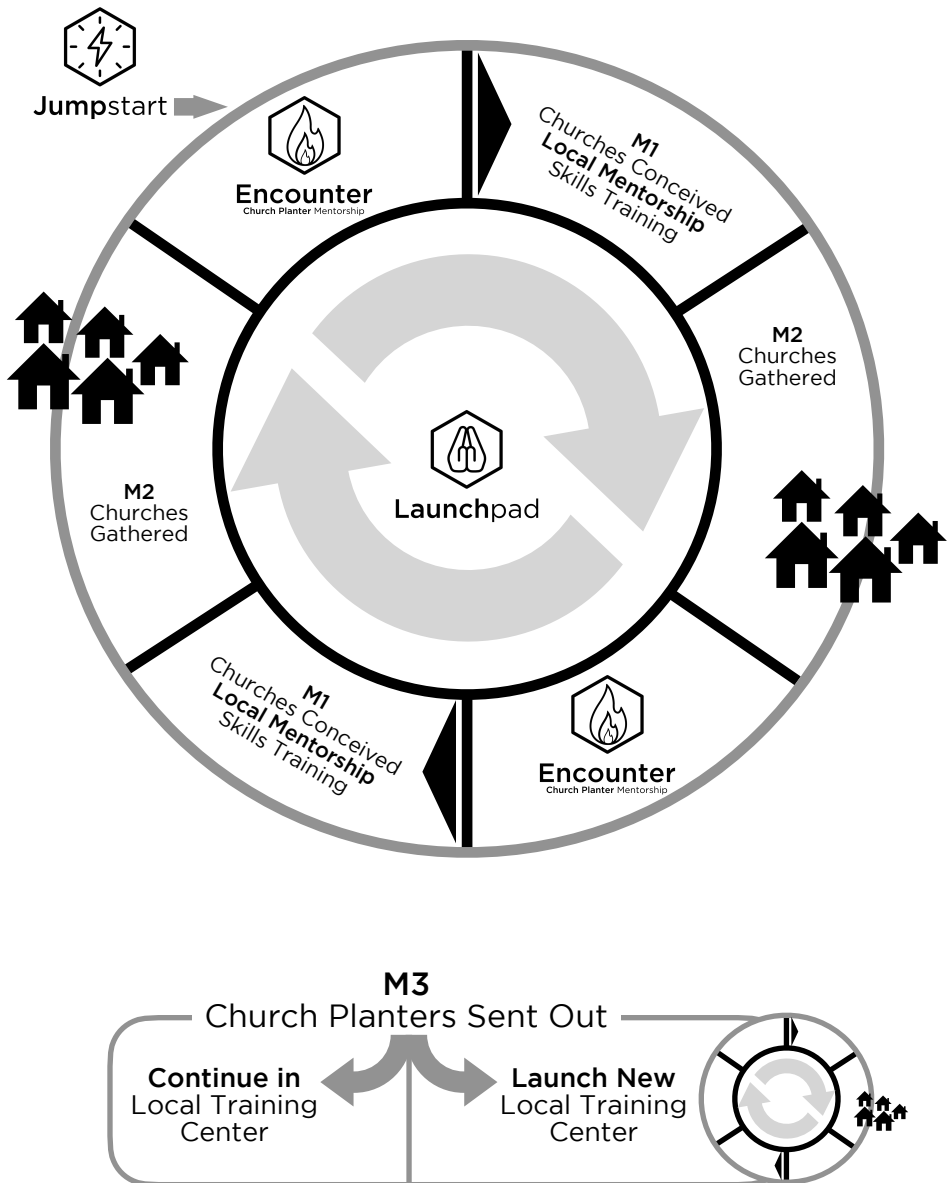


## The Obedient Disciple Dashboard



The five strategies join together like a dashboard.  
Each strategy is an ongoing part of an obedient disciple's life.

# CDN Multiplication Flywheel



# SESSION FOUR

# PRAY

*“Pray as though everything depended on God.  
Work as though everything depended on you.”  
St Augustine*

Depth impacts breadth

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Ora et Labora: Pray and Work

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Jesus began and ended each day in prayer

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Prayer is the master key. “Lord, Teach us to pray.” (Luke 11:1)

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Three prayers of church planters

Direction - Revelation - Protection

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Hunger drives us to prayer

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Pray with a posture of receiving

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**MASTER  
KEY**



**LORD,  
TEACH US  
TO PRAY**





# SESSION FIVE

# SPEAK OUT

*"Has the LORD redeemed you? Then speak out!"  
Psalm 107:2 NLT*

Church Planters are called to Speak Out

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Why Speak Out?

- Because hell is real
- Speaking Out strengthens your faith
- Speaking Out builds a Biblical church
- Speaking Out blesses the world around us
- Speaking Out pleases God
- The Bible commands us to Speak Out

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Three ways the early church spoke about Jesus  
Bear Witness - Tell Good News - Proclaim the Gospel

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**THREE WAYS**  
the early church spoke about Jesus



**Bear Witness**  
**Tell Good News**  
**Proclaim the Gospel**

To whom should I speak?

Everybody - Especially Acquaintances - Persons of Peace

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Three R's of a person of peace

Receptivity - Reputation - Referral

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Who is qualified to speak out?

Everybody (Acts 4:13)

*God does not call the qualified. He qualifies the called.*

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Speaking Out is a promise of the Holy Spirit

*But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth." Acts 1:8*

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# SESSION SIX

# GATHER

*"For where two or three gather in my name, there am I with them."  
~ Jesus, Matthew 18:20 NIV*

A shepherd is proved by gathering sheep

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You reap what you sow

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New Testament community is expressed in Koinonia

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God created humanity to live in relationship

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## UBUNTU

*Your joy is my joy. Your struggle is my struggle*

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We prioritize gathering together as the church.

# 3:1:4:1

**3 Months from now, on this date:**

Monday / Day / Year

**1 Goal**

What?

**4 Questions**

Who?

Where?

When?

How?

**1<sup>st</sup> Step**

# SESSION SEVEN

# OBEY

## DISCOVERY BIBLE STUDY

The DBS uses a three-part pattern [Look Back, Look Up, Look Forward]

### LOOK BACK

Check-in with each other for encouragement and accountability

How are you today? Your family? How has your week been?  
How did you do with your "I will" statements from last week?

### LOOK UP

Read, re-tell, listen to, and discuss the Bible passage together

#### READ, TELL, & RETELL

Take turns reading and reciting the Bible passage aloud.

#### DISCUSS

Study the scripture with the following four questions:

#### What does this passage reveal...

[1] ...about God?

[2] ...about people?

#### What do people need to...

[3] ...start doing?

[4] ...stop doing?

### LOOK FORWARD

Foster active obedience to Jesus this week.

#### MAKE AND RECORD TWO "I WILL" STATEMENTS

"This week, I will start/stop \_\_\_\_\_."

"This week, I will reach out to \_\_\_\_\_."



# SESSION EIGHT

# SEND OUT

*"The mark of a great church is not its seating capacity,  
but its sending capacity."*

## **We work to see 3 areas of multiplication**

Disciples multiplying disciples

Pastors multiplying pastors

Churches multiplying churches

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The 2:2:2 principle of 2 Timothy 2:2

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Churches exist to plant churches

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Multiplication is engrained in creation

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Multiplication requires bold prayer

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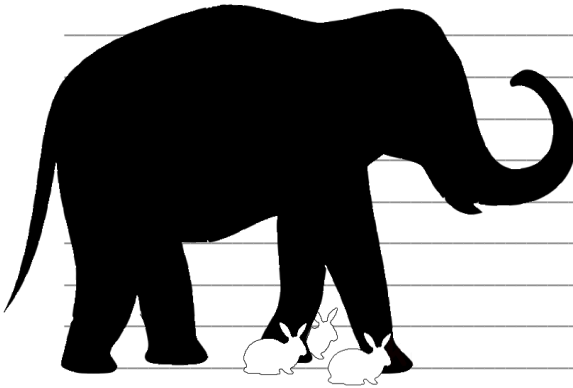
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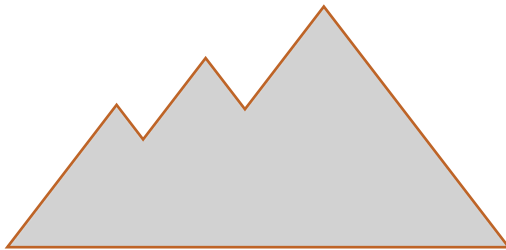


**You can count the seeds in  
an apple, but you can't  
count the apples in a seed.**

Multiplication  
The elephant vs. the rabbit



**BARRIERS WORKSHOP**





# NEXT STEP

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## **COMMUNITY OF PRACTICE**

A gathering of church planters for training, prayer, and encouragement.



### **STUDY GUIDE**

The remainder of this book is a supplemental guide to the Community of Practice. Each month focuses on one strategy. The book contains supplemental reading and Discovery Bible Studies (DBS) for personal and group study.



### **LAUNCHPAD PRAYER**

Launchpad is where church planters and prayer warriors saturate the Kingdom work with on-fire prayer.





# STUDY GUIDE

# GOD'S CALL

*"The one who calls you is faithful, and he will do it."*  
1 Thessalonians 5:24

## **DISCOVERY BIBLE STUDY**

The DBS uses a three-part pattern [Look Back, Look Up, Look Forward]

### BIBLE PASSAGES

- Moses (Exodus 3:1-10)
- Jeremiah (Jeremiah 1:4-10)
- Levi (Mark 2:13-17)
- Ananias & Paul (Acts 9:8-20)



## **LOOK BACK**

Check-in with each other for encouragement and accountability

How are you today? Your family? How has your week been?  
How did you do with your "I will" statements from last week?  
Did you tell 5 people that you are called to plant a church?

# **LOOK UP**

Read, re-tell, listen to, and discuss the Bible passage together

## **PRAY**

Welcome the Spirit of God and ask him to reveal his Truth to your group through God's Word.

## **READ, TELL, & RETELL**

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## **DISCUSS**

Study the scripture with the following four questions:

### **What does this passage reveal...**

[1] ...about God?

[2] ...about people?

### **What do people need to...**

[3] ...start doing?

[4] ...stop doing?

# **LOOK FORWARD**

Foster active obedience to Jesus this week.

## **Make and record two "I will" statements:**

"This week, I will start/stop \_\_\_\_\_."

"This week, I will reach out to \_\_\_\_\_."

# A TRAINER IS A MENTOR AND A COACH

— MENTOR —

Which of the **7 Prayers of Church Planters** did you pray?

## **7 Prayers of Church Planters**

*Ask God for his direction to develop your church planting plan*

Lord, **Teach me to plant churches.**

Lord, **Where will I plant churches?**

Lord, **Where do I begin?**

Lord, **Who is my prayer shield?**

Lord, **Who do I disciple?**

Lord, **How will I gather my church?**

Lord, **Who will I send out to plant churches?**

— COACH —

Which of the **7 Expected Outcomes** did you work toward?

## **7 Expected Outcomes**

*At the conclusion of the church planter mentorship, the planter will:*

**Articulate my personal call to plant churches.**

**Map the area where I will plant churches.**

**Prayer walk the target area.**

**Enlist a prayer team to intercede for me and the vision.**

**Speak out and make disciples in the target area.**

**Gather the church.**

**Identify the next church planter.**

# MEET AND REPORT

## CHURCH PLANTER REPORT

Did you gather the church this month?  
If yes, see questions below.  
If no, why? What's your next step?

How many disciples gathered?

Who was baptized?

Who are potential church planters?

## TRAINER REPORT

### **MILESTONE 1:** Churches conceived in heaven

What is the total number of people you are actively mentoring toward planting a church?

How many new church planters are you mentoring (new since your last report until now)?

### **MILESTONE 2:** Churches gathered on earth

What is the total number of churches in your branch of the family tree?

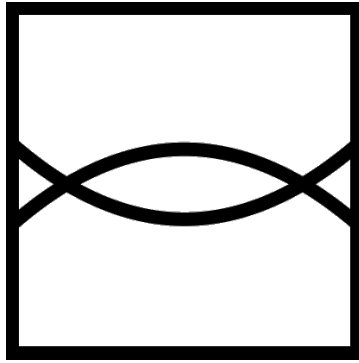
How many new churches started (new since your last report until now)?

### **MILESTONE 3:** Church planters sent out

Is your next Encounter weekend scheduled?

How many potential church planters do you expect to attend?





# STRATEGY ONE

# PRAY

*"More than any other single thing that leaders do, it is their prayer life that will determine their effectiveness."*

*Henry Blackaby*

*"The difference between mild stirrings and deep breakthroughs is prayer. The difference between a temporary inclination and a lasting change is often prayer. The difference between mediocrity and greatness is frequently prayer."*

*Dave Early*

## **Introductory Lesson**

What the Bible says about workers for the harvest.

Read: Matthew 9:35-38

### Study & Pray

Where should I plant churches?

Who should I partner with?

Who are the workers?

Ask God to grant you favor with those with whom you will speak.

Ask God to prepare people to be receptive to the invitation to Christ and his church.

# **Biblical Foundation**

What the Bible says about prayer

## **God hears my words**

Psalms 116, "I love the Lord for he has heard my voice."

## **God hears when I have no words**

Romans 8:26, "Likewise the Spirit helps us in our weakness. For we do not know what to pray for as we ought, but the Spirit himself intercedes for us with groanings too deep for words."

## **Develop the discipline of daily prayer**

Colossians 4:2, "Continue steadfastly in prayer, being watchful in it with thanksgiving."

## **Bring everything to the Lord in prayer**

Philippians 4:6-7, "The LORD is near. Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus."

## **Offer your whole heart to God and others**

Mark 11:25, "And when you stand praying, if you hold anything against anyone, forgive them, so that your Father in heaven may forgive you your sins."

## **Practice a lifestyle of prayer**

Matthew 6:6, "But when you pray, go into your room, close the door and pray to your Father, who is unseen. Then your Father, who sees what is done in secret, will reward you."

## **Pray with great faith**

Matthew 9:37-38, "The harvest is plentiful but the workers are few. Ask the Lord of the harvest, therefore, to send out workers into his harvest field."

## **A command of Christ**

Luke 18:1, "Then Jesus told his disciples a parable to show them that they should always pray and not give up."



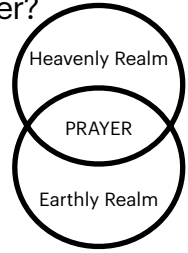
# Application

What does the planter need to know about prayer?

## Ora et Labora

Ora = Pray    et = and    Labora = Work

The power of combining prayer and work in church planting



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## Seven principles of prayer

1. Prayer is a priority in how I choose to use my time

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2. Prayer is the common denominator for successful Kingdom workers

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3. Prayer is the source of spiritual power

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4. Prayer enables us to abide in God's presence

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5. Prayer actualizes God's prevenient grace in our interactions with others

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6. God wants to answer your prayers

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7. Prayer is an act of obedience

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## Workshop

Pray the pattern of the Lord's Prayer

Our Father in heaven,	Relationship
hallowed be your name.	Worship
Your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.	Lordship
Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our debts,	Sonship
as we also have forgiven our debtors.	Fellowship
And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil.	Leadership
For yours is the Kingdom, forever. Amen.	Ownership

### Specific prayers for church planting

- Pray for the target area that you will plant churches
- Pray for God to send workers to join you in your target area
- Pray for your people that you meet, by name, everyday
- Enlist a prayer team to intercede for them and for the vision
- Pray for acquaintances that can lead to new social networks
- Pray to find persons of peace
- Pray for the people who need to hear the Gospel
- Pray for the courage and opportunity to share the Gospel

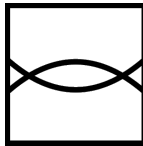
# The goal of prayer

To encounter the manifest presence of Christ.

Isaiah 55:6, "Seek the Lord while he may be found,  
call on him while he is near."

## Get started

- Grow in quantity and quality of personal prayer
- Pray with partners in church planting
- Pray for a specific community through prayer walks
- Pray for workers for that community
- Build a prayer support network



## Action Plan

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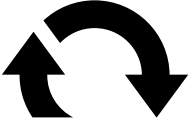
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If God has called you to  
plant a church,  
He has called you to pray.



# STUDY GUIDE

# PRAY

*"You who answer prayer, to you all people will come."  
Psalm 65:2*

## **DISCOVERY BIBLE STUDY**

The DBS uses a three-part pattern [Look Back, Look Up, Look Forward]

### BIBLE PASSAGES

- Lord's Prayer (Matthew 6:5-18)
- Nehemiah's Prayer (Nehemiah 1:1-11)
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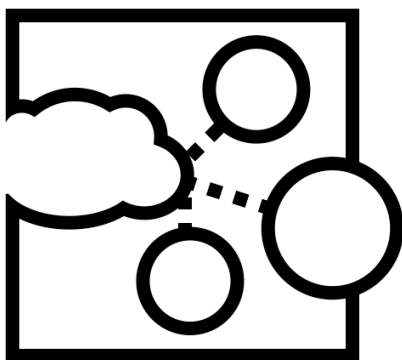
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# STRATEGY TWO

# SPEAK OUT

*“How then shall they call on Him in whom they have not believed?  
And how shall they believe in Him of whom they have not heard?  
And how shall they hear without a preacher?”  
Romans 10:14*

## **Introductory Lesson**

What should the planter and planting team should speak about?

Read: Luke 10:1-9

Reflect & Pray

Who do I talk to when I set out to plant churches?  
What do I expect to happen when I speak out?  
What do I say?

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and his church.

# **Biblical Foundation**

What the Bible says about speaking out

## **Tell your story**

Psalm 107:2, "Has the Lord redeemed you? Then speak out."

## **Tell God's story**

Isaiah 51:16, "I have put my words in your mouth and covered you with the shadow of my hand— I who set the heavens in place, who laid the foundations of the earth, and who say to Zion, 'You are my people.'"

## **Teach disciples to obey**

Matthew 28:19-20, "Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age."

## **Share the Gospel to all people, everywhere**

Mark 16:15, "He said to them, "Go into all the world and preach the gospel to all creation."

## **Invite people to gather**

Luke 14:23, "Go out into the highways and byways and compel them to come in that my house may be filled."

## **Speak out in faith**

Romans 10:17, "Consequently, faith comes from hearing the message, and the message is heard through the word about Christ."

## **Declare that Jesus is Lord**

Romans 10:9, "If you declare with your mouth, "Jesus is Lord," and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved."

## **Speak about the Kingdom of God**

Luke 10:8-9, "When you enter a town and are welcomed, eat what is offered to you. Heal the sick who are there and tell them, 'The kingdom of God has come near to you.'"

## Application

What does the planter need to know about speaking out?

*If God has called you to plant a church, he has called you to speak to others and share with them what God has put in your heart to do. If you don't speak to others about what God is calling you to do and/or what Jesus has done for you, you can never gather people for a new church.*

## Ethnos & Ethne

Ethnos = a people group, nation, tribe & Ethne = a group of groups

The power of combining reaching new social networks in church planting

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## Three ways the early church spoke about Jesus

### Bear witness

Tell the story of how God changed you.

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### Tell Good News

Tell people about grace, forgiveness, redemption, transformation, and eternal life offered through Jesus Christ.

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### Proclaim

Proclaim that Jesus lived, died, was resurrected, is now at work on earth through his Holy Spirit, & will return and reign through eternity.

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# To whom Should I speak?

## Everybody

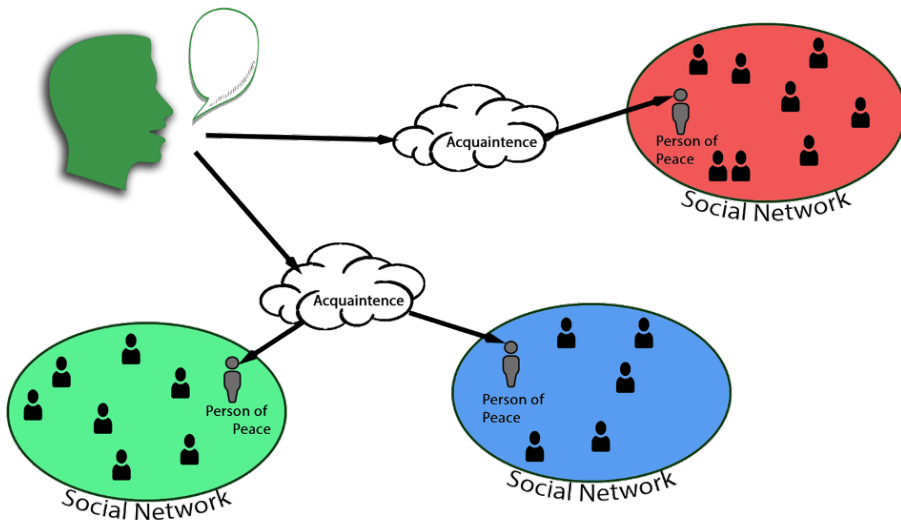
Enlist everybody you know to invite as many people as they can to this new church. One does not even have to be a follower of Christ to invite people to a new church. Some people that you meet for the first time will provide access to their social network in a short amount of time.

## Especially Acquaintances

You are much more apt to gain access to a new social network through an acquaintance than a close friend or family member. An acquaintance is someone that you causally know but don't interact with on a regular basis. It could be someone that you have known a long time or someone that you recently met.

## Persons of Peace

Luke 10 teaches that persons of peace are important in the spread of the Gospel. Persons of peace are leaders of social networks (*ethne*) who are: a) prepared by God to hear and respond to the Gospel, b) have influence over members of that social network and c) will be drawn to the planter/worker and will show favor to them.



## Workshop

Brainstorm and list acquaintances to contact



## **The Role of the Holy Spirit in Speaking**

- The necessity of prayer to know who to speak to and what to say
- The necessity of the Holy Spirit putting words into our mouths
- The necessity of asking the Holy Spirit for direction as we are speaking

## **What is the goal of speaking?**

The goal of speaking is to identify people that God wants you to gather into a new church.

New churches are created when we gather people who were not previously connected with each other into a new social network. The purpose of this new social network is to become a church which produces obedient disciples of Jesus.

The work of God expanding his Kingdom on earth through the church always gets started by speaking to those who do not yet know him. Our goal is to gain access to existing social networks and to offer peace and to “announce that the Kingdom is near” (Luke 10).

Speaking out is a way to gain access to a social network to find a person of peace. The person of peace is in that network and Jesus has prepared them to be responsive to you, responsive to the Gospel, and ready to lead their *ethne* to Christ and the church.

- The Church is a gathering of people from different social networks.
- The goal of the church planter is to gain access to multiple social networks.
- The person of peace is a “leader” in a social network (Luke 10).
- The church plant is the beginning of a new “*ethnos*,” a new social network made up of the people of God, a collection of people from different social networks, to be gathered into one.

# Get started

- Identify partners who will assist you in inviting people.
- If you are starting a church that crosses many social networks, invite hundreds to your church.
- Announce the start date to everyone you talk to.
- Ask God to show you ways to serve the people that you have met.
- Find new social networks through acquaintances.
- Identify the person of peace in each social network.
- Share the Gospel - either one on one or through DBS groups.

*Most of the time the person you meet will be a person that gives you access to a new social network and a person of peace.*



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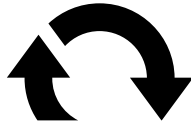
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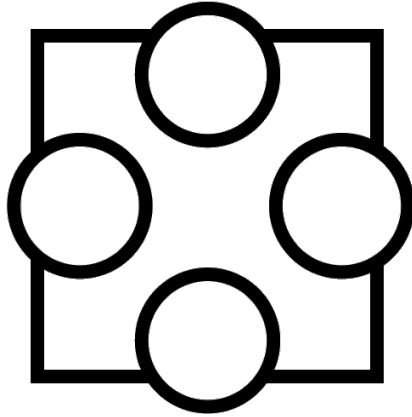
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# STRATEGY THREE

# GATHER

*Gaining access to new social networks, identifying a person of peace, being a witness for Christ in that social network with the person of peace*

## **Introductory Lesson**

God's heart for gathering people

Read: Luke 14:23

Reflect & Pray

Who should I invite to gather?  
How will I invite them?

The cascading flow toward gathering

- The planter/worker speaks to an acquaintance...
- To gain access to a new social network...
- To meet a person of peace...
- Who has influence in their social network...
- And who will aid the planter/worker...
- To gather people from that network to Christ and the church.

# **Biblical Foundation**

What the Bible says about gathering

## **Gathering is a Biblical priority**

Hebrews 10:25, "Do not neglect to meet together."

## **God's example is to gather**

Isaiah 40:11, "He tends his flock like a shepherd: He gathers the lambs in his arms and carries them close to his heart; he gently leads those that have young."

## **God appoints shepherds**

Jeremiah 23 :2-4, "I myself will gather the remnant of my flock out of all the countries where I have driven them and will bring them back to their pasture, where they will be fruitful and increase in number. I will place shepherds over them who will tend them, and they will no longer be afraid or terrified, nor will any be missing," declares the Lord."

## **God is present in every gathering**

Matthew 18:20, "For where two or three are gathered in my name, there am I among them."

## **Gathering forms our identity**

1 Peter 2:9, "But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people for his own possession, that you may proclaim the excellencies of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light."

## **Shepherds are responsible for their flock**

Acts 20:28, "Pay careful attention to yourselves and to all the flock, in which the Holy Spirit has made you overseers, to care for the church of God, which he obtained with his own blood."

## **We are better together**

Romans 12:4-5, "For just as each of us has one body with many members, and these members do not all have the same function, so in Christ we, though many, form one body, and each member belongs to all the others."

## **Application**

What does the planter need to know about gathering?

*The Church is God's instrument for both spreading the Gospel in the world and for preserving pure Christian doctrine in the world. The Bible talks about the church as being a "pillar of truth" in a community.*

## **Why Gather?**

### **Produce obedient disciples**

People have often said that the church is the hope of the world. This is certainly true but there is one caveat; the church is the hope of the world if it is producing obedient disciples.

### **Belong to one another**

We can describe the church by saying that Church is a group of people who belong to Christ and each other to learn to obey Jesus and to spread God's love in the world.

### **Expand the Kingdom**

The business of the church is to expand the rule of God (his Kingdom) on the earth. Is essentially a network of people gathered around the task of producing obedient disciples, in the belief that if this group produces obedient disciples it will multiply believers and churches.

## **The Church as a new *ethnos***

*A new social network – The People of God*

### **The church spreads through existing social networks**

This happens as people bring their family and friends to Christ and the church. The Bible uses the word *ethne* (Greek for people groups/families/nations) to describe these networks of connected people (Matthew 28:19).

The goal of the church is to form a new *ethnos* (the singular form of *ethne*), a new group, a new network of people who are the People of God on earth. The Bible calls this the church.

This *ethnos* is a family with a common Father and a common purpose. This new *ethnos* is intended to care for its new family members, to experience God together and to extend the Kingdom of God on earth.

## **Forming a new *ethnos* by “gathering”**

*The fundamental work of forming a new group is the work of gathering.  
There are many ways that new groups are gathered to form a church, but  
there are some underlying principles of the work of gathering.*

### **Definitions**

#### **Worker**

The church planter or someone on the church planting team who is sent by God to start a new church in a community.

#### **Acquaintance**

This may be a person the worker has just met, or it may be someone that they know casually or perhaps have only met once or twice. A study published in 1988 called “The Strength of Weak Ties” found that people who were looking for job more often found that job through someone with whom they had weak ties (an acquaintance) rather than someone with whom they had strong ties such as a family member or friend. Church planters also find that it is easier to gain access to a new social network through an acquaintance rather than through a family member or a friend. In fact, what has often been described as reaching your *oikos*, i.e., family, friends and co-workers, happens as new Christians reach out through their social network to influence people for Christ and the church. These are the actions of a person of peace, not a planter trying to gather a new *ethnos* across different social networks.

#### **New Social Network**

This is a social network that your acquaintance participates in and will give you access to. “Access” generally means that the acquaintance will introduce you to members of that network and often make possible your attendance at an event at which that network gathers.

#### **Person of Peace**

This is a person who has influence in a social network, whom God has prepared beforehand to be receptive to the Gospel and who will show favor towards you and your message. When the person of peace accepts the message of invitation to Christ and the church, others in that social network will follow.

#### **Gathering**

This is the work of gathering people from across multiple social networks into one new network called the church for the purpose of teaching them to obey everything Jesus commanded.



## The Process of Gathering

1. The church expands by gathering people from existing social networks to form a new social network. Almost no one goes to church alone. They go to church because there are other people from their social network that attend there. Every individual functions in multiple social networks.
2. The goal of the church planter and other workers is to gain access to as many new social networks as possible.
3. Usually, the church planter gains access by speaking with a member of that social network. This person is often an acquaintance of the planter or someone who is working with the planter. Every person that you speak with has the potential to give you access to a new social network. (The Power of Weak Ties).
4. After gaining access to a new social network, the planter should seek to identify a person of peace within the network. The person of peace, according to Luke 10, has influence in the network, has been prepared in advance to hear the Gospel, responds positively towards you, and invites you into the network.
5. The planter "speaks" to the person of peace by inviting them to the new church and presenting the Gospel. When the person of peace accepts the invitation to Christ and the church they will have influence over others in the network to accept Christ.
6. The planter seeks to gain access to multiple social networks, gathers people from these networks into a new network, and within this new network people are shaped into obedient disciples of Christ.



### Workshop

List the details of your gathering

Who will you invite? When & where will you meet? What else is needed?

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# Gather a group through Discovery Bible Study

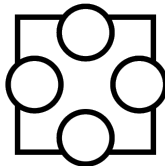
DBS has proven to be an unusually effective means gathering people from different social networks. It is non-threatening, low-key, and has the powerful synergy of people, the Word, and the Holy Spirit.

## The goal of gathering

- To form a new healthy family/ethnos
- To plant the seed that will grow into a church
- To learn to belong to God as a group—share a common Father
- To learn to belong to each other and encourage each other
- To teach people to learn from God and about God

## Get started

- Getting started gathering
- Have a plan from the beginning to gather people into a group, i.e. time and place
- Pray for those, including those you don't yet know who God wants to gather
- Deploy those who can "speak"
- Teach them to seek access to a new social network, usually through an acquaintance
- Look for the person of peace and offer them and invitation
- Work with the person of peace to reach others in the social network who can be gathered



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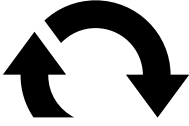
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# GATHER

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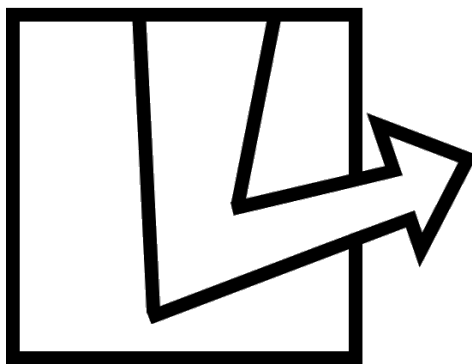
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# STRATEGY FOUR

# OBHEY

*"I long to obey your commandments! Renew my life with your goodness."  
Ps. 119:40*

*"Make them holy by your truth; teach them your word, which is truth."  
John 17:17  
"It takes a village church"*

## **Introductory Lesson**

What the Bible says about obedience

Read: John 14:15  
Reflect & Pray

What does loving God have to do with obedience?  
How does love impact your motive for keeping God's commands?  
What is the difference between obligation and obedience?

### **Lifestyle of obedience**

1. A lifestyle of obeying God's commands to live with gratitude comes from understanding who we are in Christ
2. A lifestyle of obeying God's commands of submission allows Christ to shape us in holiness
3. A lifestyle of obeying God by doing the work of God will result in Christians speaking to others about him

# **Biblical Foundation**

What the Bible says about Prayer

## **Disciples obey the commands of Christ**

Matthew 28:19, "Teach them to obey all my commands."

## **God desires our obedience**

Exodus 19:5, "Now if you obey me fully and keep my covenant, then out of all nations you will be my treasured possession."

## **Obedience is tied to intimacy**

John 15:9, "As the Father has loved me, so have I loved you. Now remain in my love."

## **Obedience is personal**

John 15:14, "You are my friends if you do what I command."

## **Walk in obedience**

2 John 1:6, "And this is love: that we walk in obedience to his commands. As you have heard from the beginning, his command is that you walk in love."

## **Obedience is acting on what you hear**

Luke 11:28, "Blessed rather are those who hear the word of God and obey it."

## **It is for our joy**

Psalms 119:2, "Joyful are those who obey his laws and search for him with all their hearts."

## **Obedience deepens your faith**

Psalms 116, "I love the Lord for he has heard my voice."

## **What is obedience?**

- To hear God's Word and act accordingly (Holman Bible Dictionary).
- To Submit to God's authority
- To trust God's way completely
- To do God's work on earth

# Application

What does the planter need to know about obedience?

If God has called you to plant a church, he has called you to teach people to obey. This is the primary reason for church planting.

## Three characteristics of obedient disciples

### Gratitude

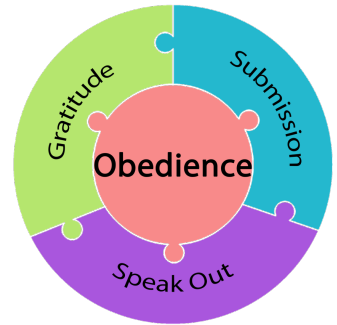
- Locating my story in God's story
- Centers life in God's care and power
- Helps us find our new identity as a follower of Christ

### Submission

- Heals our ability to love God and others
- Leads to holiness in life
- Leads us to serving others with compassion and justice

### Speak out

- Find your life purpose in doing God's work on earth
- Enables us to speak conversationally about God's story
- Enables us to speak conversationally & share a witness of transformation by Christ
- Sends us into the world to multiply disciples and churches



## Who should be taught to obey?

Every person who claims Christ as King is called to make him Lord of their life. It is the role of the church to produce obedient disciples.

## What happens as we become obedient to God

- Promised blessings, Deuteronomy 30:9-10, Isaiah 48:18
- We experience more of God and the Holy Spirit, Acts 5:32, John 14:16
- We become more like Christ, 1 John 2: 3-6
- God hears our prayers, John 9:31
- You are given greater authority, John 8
- We prove our love for God, 1 John 5:2-3
- Obedience is an act of worship of God, Romans 12:1
- Obedience leads to holiness, Psalm 119:1-8, 2 Corinthians 7:1

## **Obedience to Christ as the path to finding meaning in life**

The great quest of people is to assign meaning to human experience so that we can understand why we are on earth. There are three primary places in which we look for this meaning, we look backward and try to explain the past, we look up and try to explain the transcendent, and we look forward and try to explain what we are supposed to do with our life. Christianity has an explanation for all three of these quests.

### **Look Back**

We are to look back and see the story of God in the world, the story of creation, fall, forgiveness, redemption, purpose, and the return and ultimate reign of Christ through eternity. When we look backward in history and see the story of God, we are filled with gratefulness. Gratefulness for a God that is kind, merciful, powerful, and intimately involved in each human life.

### **Look Up**

When we look up and try to explain the transcendent, we encounter a God who not only establishes his reign in history, but also establishes his reign in our hearts. It is when we are able to submit our whole being to God that he can heal our brokenness and establish his Kingship in our life. This act of submission allows God to heal us in our deepest places and frees us to love God and love our neighbor. It enables us to have compassion for our neighbor and be a voice and a force for justice in the world.

### **Look Forward**

As we learn to be grateful and learn to submit, we begin to look forward and we come to understand that the reason we are on earth is to bring the Kingdom to earth. Obedient disciples come to understand that we are on earth to do the work of the Lord. We do the work of the Lord primarily through our being freed to speak about Jesus; by coming to the place in life where speaking about Jesus is a normal and comfortable way of speaking. The Bible repeatedly calls us to speak; “has the Lord redeemed you, then speak out” is a direct command to the followers of Jesus. We are compelled to speak because we want others to hear the good news that we have experienced. “How shall they hear without a preacher.”



### **Workshop**

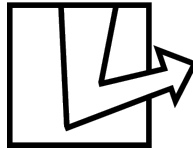
Personally apply the three paths (back, up, forward).  
Pray through the three characteristics of obedient disciples.

## The goal of obeying Christ

- To live in the blessing of God so that we can extend the Kingdom of God on earth
- To live intimately in the presence of God
- To live in holiness with gratitude, submission, and freely speaking about Jesus
- To expand the Kingdom of God on earth by multiplying disciples and churches

### Get Started

- By encountering God through the Word and the Spirit
- By encountering God in prayer
- By teaching disciples to depend fully on God so they can live with a grateful spirit
- By encountering God as we submit fully to him
- By teaching disciples to prioritize love for God in life
- By teaching disciples to prioritize love for others in their life
- By doing the work of God in the world
- By doing life together with other believers



### Action Plan

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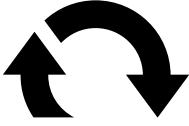
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# STUDY GUIDE

# OBHEY

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Matthew 28:20

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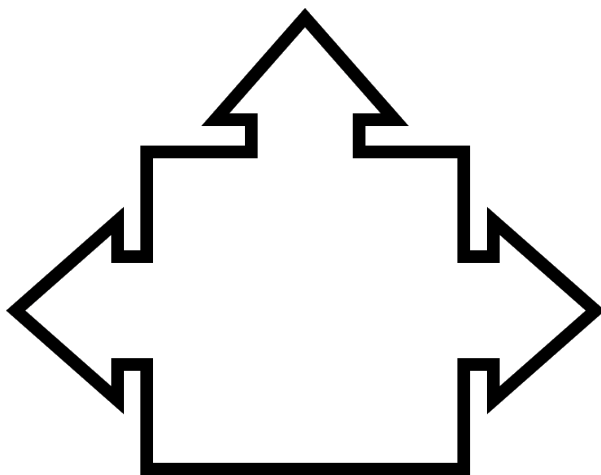
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# STRATEGY FIVE

# SEND OUT

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John 20:21*

## **Introductory Lesson**

What the Bible says about sending out

Read: Acts 1:1-8

Reflect & Pray

Who are the witnesses?  
Witnesses to what?  
Where are they sent?

As the church produces obedient disciples, it will send out those whom Jesus is calling to be multipliers to start the process all over by gathering a church and teaching people to obey.

# **Biblical Foundation**

What the Bible says about Sending Out

## **Ask God to send workers**

Matthew 9:37-38, "The harvest is plentiful but the workers are few. Ask the Lord of the harvest, therefore, to send out workers into his harvest field."

## **Send into all the world**

Mark 16:15, "He said to them, "Go into all the world and preach the gospel to all creation."

## **The Holy Spirit empowers us to be witnesses**

Acts 1:8, "But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth."

## **Sending always includes speaking out**

Romans 10:13-14, "Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved." How, then, can they call on the one they have not believed in? And how can they believe in the one of whom they have not heard? And how can they hear without someone preaching to them?"

## **Sending is God's plan**

Matthew 24:14, "And this gospel of the kingdom will be preached in the whole world as a testimony to all nations, and then the end will come."

## **Sending is an act of worship**

1 Chronicles 16:24, "Declare his glory among the nations, his marvelous deeds among all peoples."



## **Workshop**

List the names of people who you may send out  
Ask the Lord to send workers into His harvest field

## Application

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*If God has called you to plant a church, he has called you to send out people to reproduce new churches.*

### Who should we send out?

Identify those who God is calling and has gifted for the work of multiplication.

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### Training for sending

- Training for sending
- Training for planters
- Training for pastors
- Training for multipliers

**Jumpstart**



**Church Planter** Training  
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**Launchpad**

# HOW DO WE TEACH THOSE WE ARE SENDING?

## What is Jumpstart

- An entry point for those exploring a call to church planting
- An overview of the vision and 5 strategies
- An opportunity to take the next step in mentorship
- An environment for seeking the heart of God in prayer

## Five components of every Jumpstart

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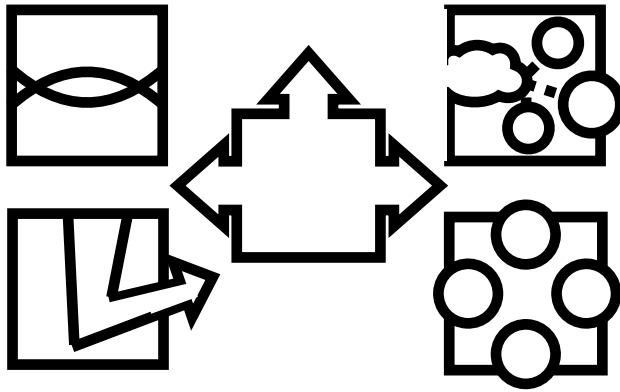
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# SESSION 7

# MULTIPLY

*"Be Fruitful and Multiply"*  
Genesis 9:1

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What the Bible says about multiplication

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Why is Peter's proclamation significant?  
Who is building the church?  
How strong is the church?

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# **Biblical Foundation**

## What the Bible says about Multiplication

### **Proclaim Jesus to everyone**

Colossians, 1:28, "He is the one we proclaim, admonishing and teaching everyone with all wisdom, so that we may present everyone fully mature in Christ."

### **Multiplication is the Biblical pattern**

Acts 2:41; 4:4; 5:14, "Those who accepted his message were baptized, and about three thousand were added to their number that day" (2:41). "But many who heard the message believed; so the number of men who believed grew to about five thousand: (4:4). "Nevertheless, more and more men and women believed in the Lord and were added to their number" (5:14).

### **Multiply obedience**

Acts 6:7, "So the word of God spread. The number of disciples in Jerusalem increased rapidly, and a large number of priests became obedient to the faith."

### **Bear fruit, believe for the seed**

John 15:16, "You did not choose me, but I chose you and appointed you so that you might go and bear fruit—fruit that will last—and so that whatever you ask in my name the Father will give you."

### **Multiplication requires rapid deployment**

2 Timothy 2:2, "And the things you have heard me say in the presence of many witnesses entrust to reliable people who will also be qualified to teach others."

### **Think big. Multiply throughout the whole region**

Acts 13:49, "And the word of the Lord was spreading throughout the whole region."

## **Application**

What does the planter need to know about multiplication?

### **Keep the main thing, the main thing**

Multiply disciples who are obedient to Jesus.

Multiplying worship services, small groups, programs or events are tools to serve the mission, but they are not the mission.

Our Mission

The relentless pursuit of obedient disciples.

### **Our environments for multiplication**

**Jumpstart**



**Church Planter** Training  
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**Launchpad**



**Sent** Summit

## HOW WE WORK TOGETHER TO ACTIVATE A MULTIPLICATION MOVEMENT

### **First, plant a church**

- Planting a church confirms God's calling to church planting
- Cast the vision for church planting from day one
- The resources are in the harvest

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- Cast the vision and call individuals to plant churches
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