

We Plant Churches

Welcome to a community of church planters
with a vision of starting 1,000 churches
in creative spaces and places
in your community and around the world.



THE THREE ESSENTIAL INGREDIENTS IN ALL MOVEMENTS

1. A _____ (simple and repeatable) system

1 MISSION

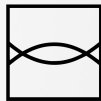
A Relentless Pursuit of _____ Disciples

4 VALUES

_____ - _____ Environments Rapid _____

No More _____ Churches Unpredictable pathway with predictable _____

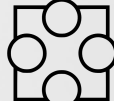
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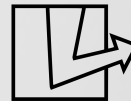
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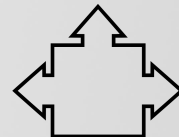
Speak Out



Gather



Obey



Send Out

4 ENVIRONMENTS



Jumpstart



Encounter
Church Planter Mentorship



Launchpad



Sent Summit

1 VISION

Plant _____ Churches in creative spaces and places in your community and around the world

Systems to help ordinary people achieve extraordinary results

2. High _____ and _____ to the shared system

3 MONTHS

We plant churches
 Ready, GO, Set
 A plan for rapid deployment: My 3:1:4:1



3 MILESTONES

M1: Church Conceived in Heaven
 M2: Church Gathered on Earth
 M3: Church Planter Sent Out



3 YEARS

Longterm compounding investment
 Everyone attends Encounter, every time
 See Flywheel image



3. Freedom to bring your _____ within the system

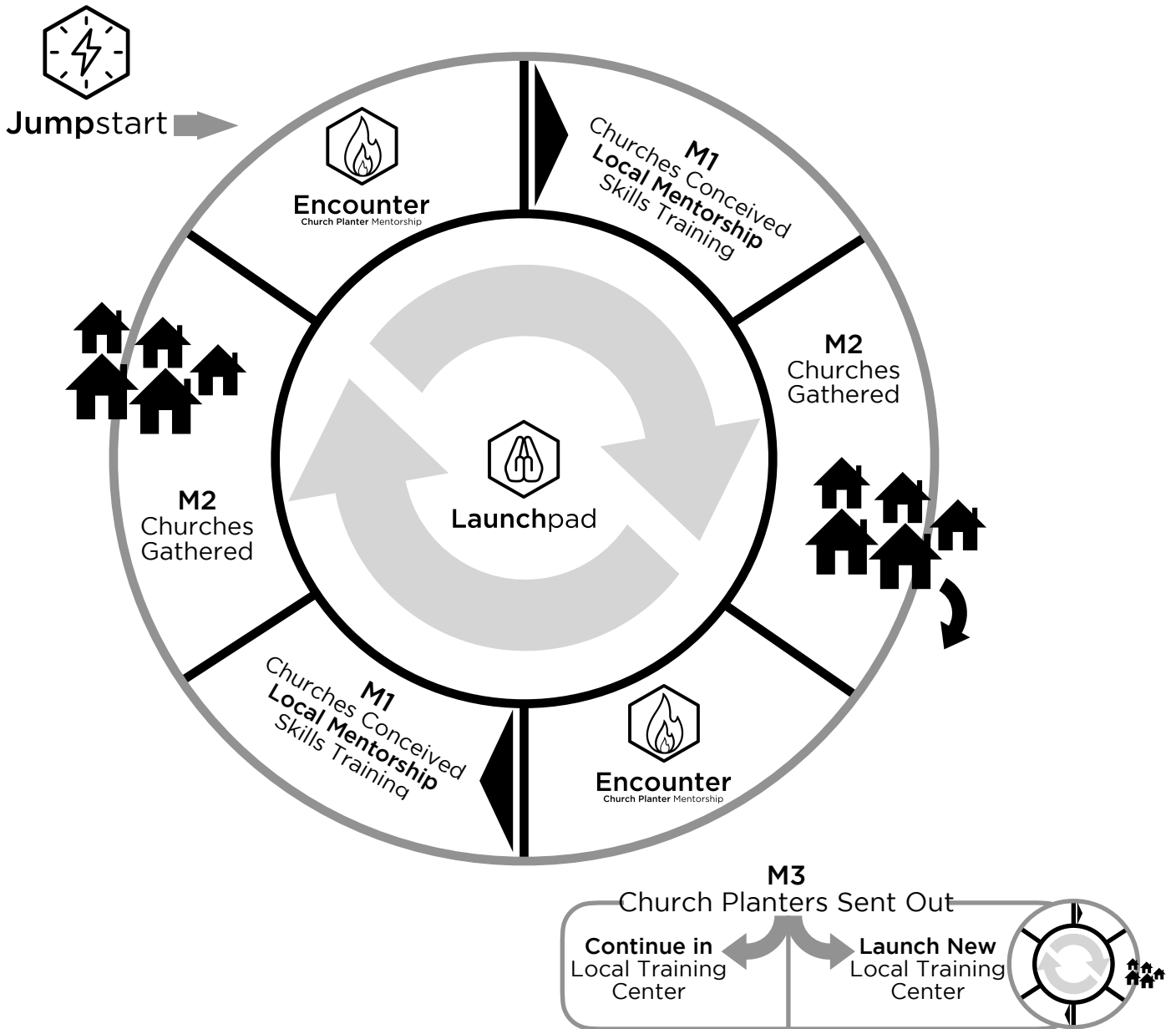
70/30 Principle

70% - The 1:4:5:4:1, CDN's common language, phrases, strategy. All points and concepts as displayed in the Church Planters Guidebook, Leaders Manual, and the CDN slide deck.

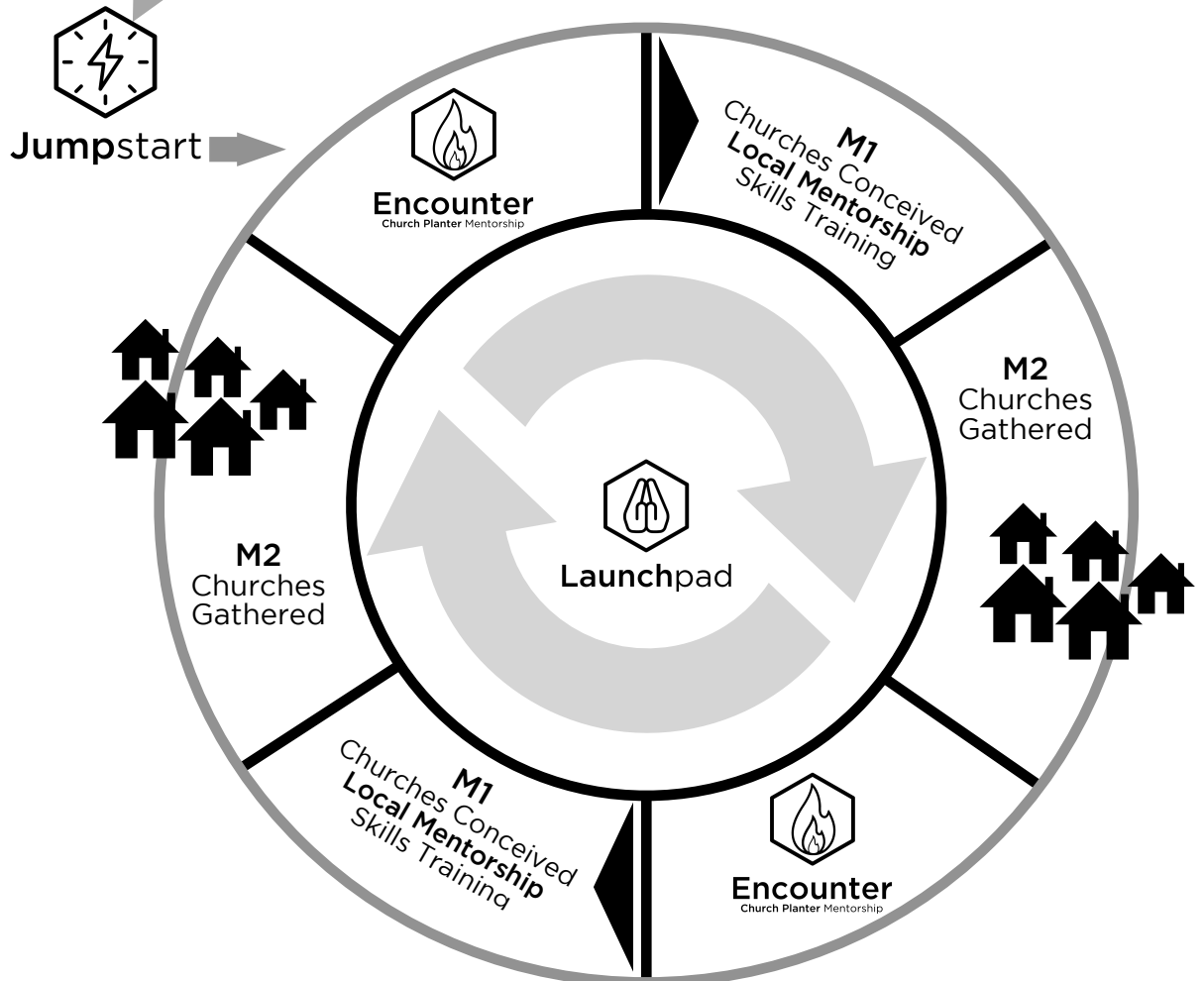
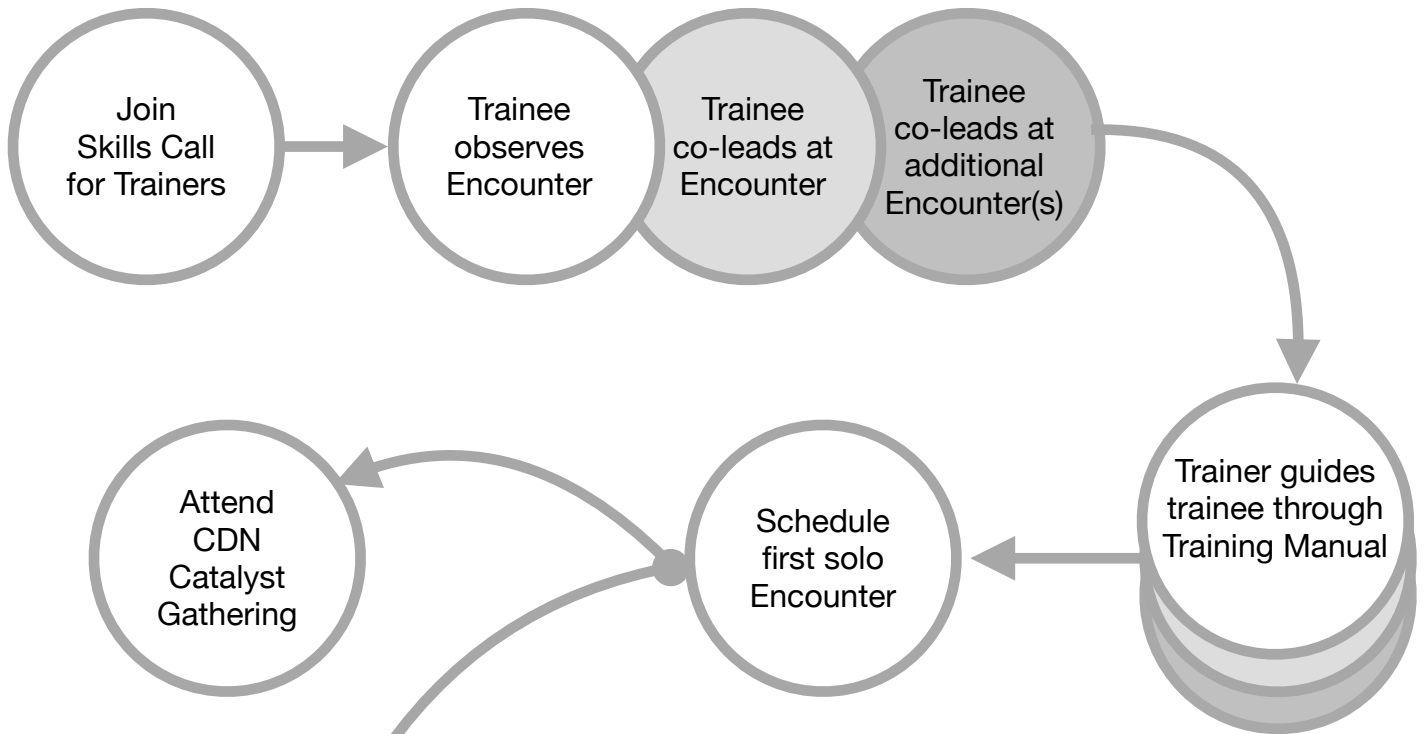
30% - Your personal stories, illustrations, and teaching style. As you bring innovative thoughts and examples we will continue to update the 70% (resources and slide deck).

KEY: (2) Commitment and Accountability, (3) Unique Contribution

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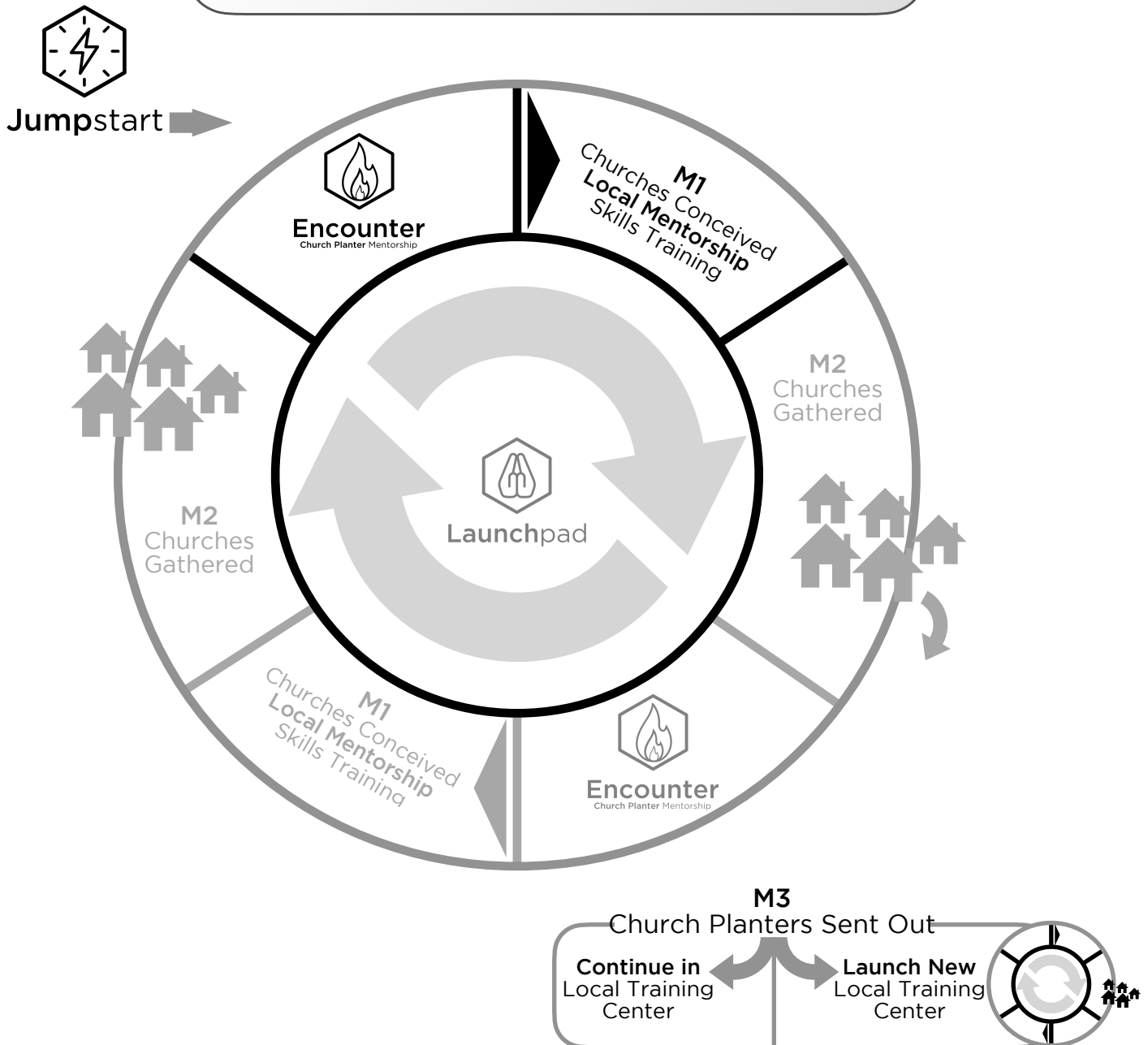
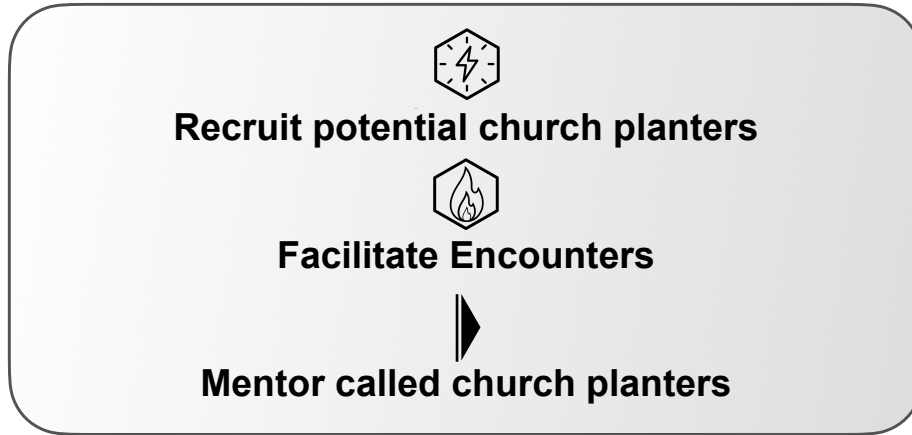


STEPS TO BECOME A TRAINER

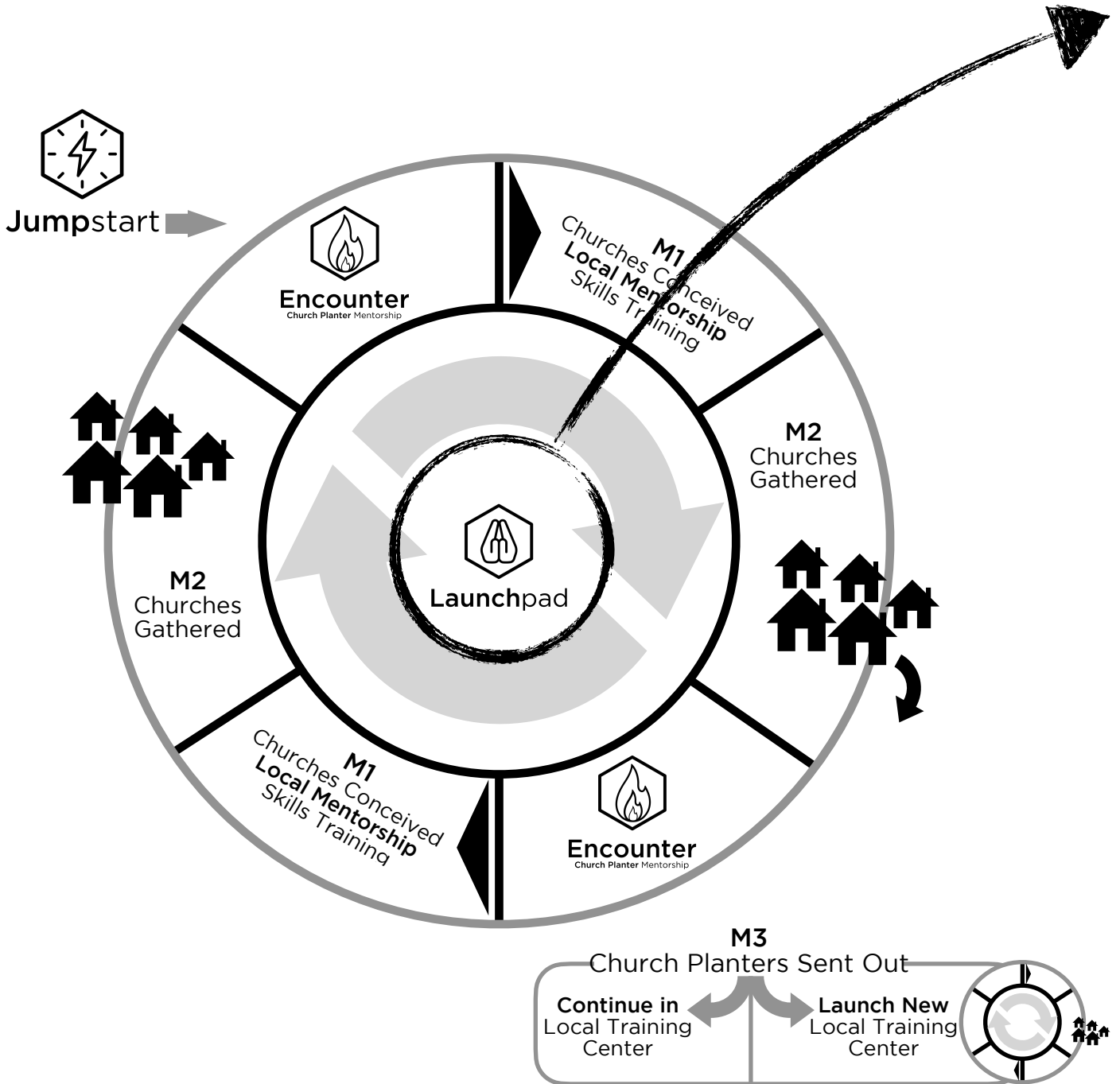


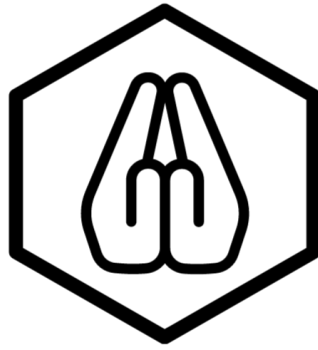
CHURCH PLANTER TRAINER

The role of the trainer is recruit potential church planters, facilitate Encounters, and mentor called church planters. Trainers do so through the rhythm of the multiplication flywheel.



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Launchpad

The second Tuesday (8PM) and following Wednesday (12PM) is Launchpad Prayer.

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

On the call we celebrate God's goodness and intercede for more and more fruitfulness.



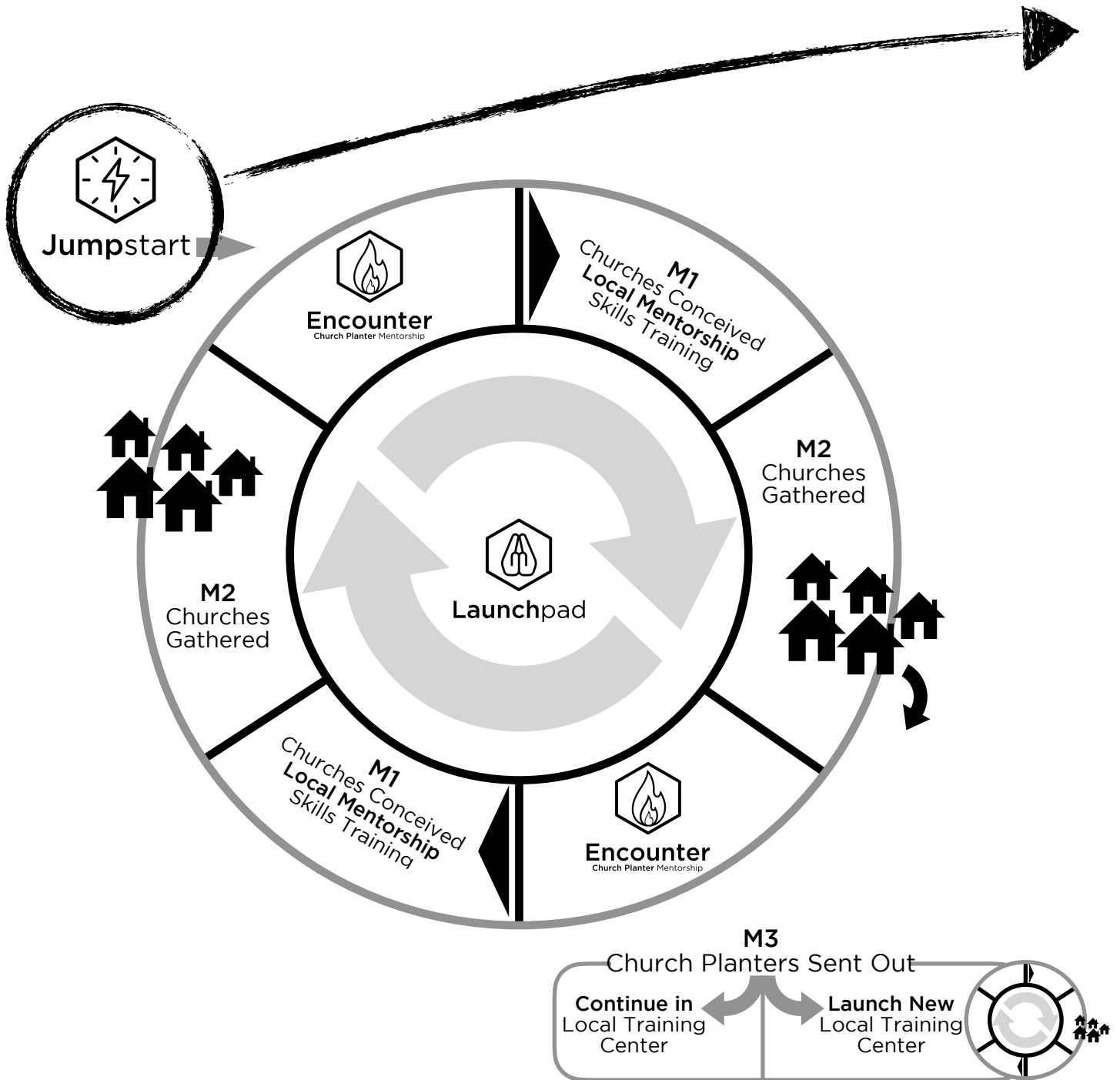
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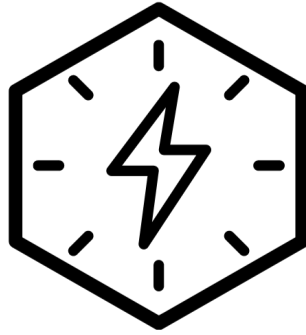


Join the CDN Prayer Team

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Jumpstart

Jumpstart is casting the vision for church planting. From a one-on-one meeting over coffee to a sermon at a church - a Jumpstart has many forms. The big idea is that you are planting the seed for church planting in a person's life.

For Jumpstart examples visit



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Five ways to Jumpstart

1. Ask, "How?, WOW!, Now..." for a personal invitation.
2. Explain our slogan, "We Plant Churches"
3. Explain the 1:4:5:4:1

In Appendix

4. Utilize the acrostic, "JumpS.T.A.R.T."
5. Preach the Jumpstart sermon, "Why Churches?"

Ask, "How?, WOW!, Now..." for a personal invitation

Dr. JR's Simple Coaching Q's

How?

How is God stirring in your life or ministry?
** Begin with active listening*

WOW!

Wow, tell me more.
** Be an encourager*

Now...

Now, what's next?
** Invite a next step of faith*

Take a step of faith: Attend Encounter weekend

Immediately send an invite link to register for the upcoming Encounter
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Explain our slogan, “We Plant Churches”

We Plant Churches (We Plant Churches Slide)

A. We Plant **CHURCHES**.

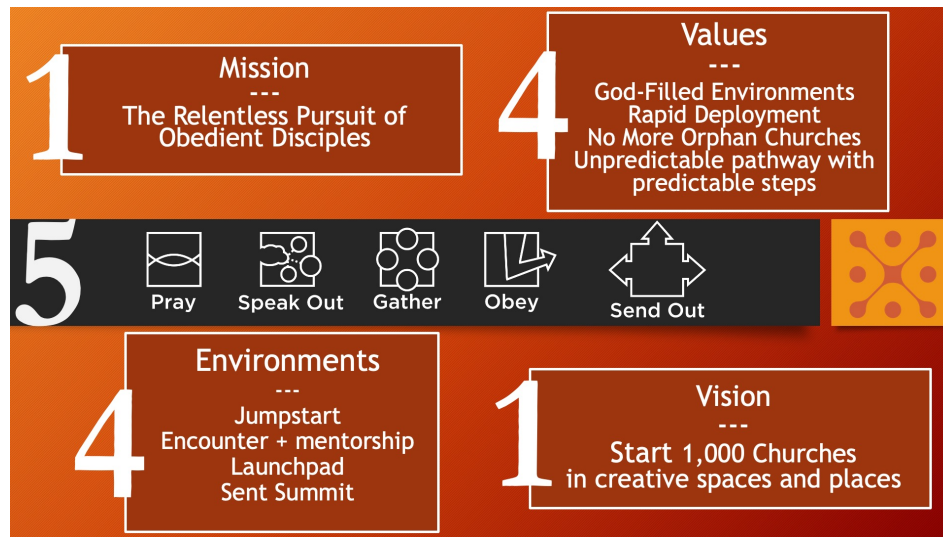
- i. Not missional communities, small groups, outreach posts, etc....
- ii. CHURCHES. Why? The local church is the hope of the world
 - a. There is something special, uniquely powerful/impactful with a church
 - b. Jesus said “I will build...and gates of hell will not prevail against it
 - c. Something happens in heaven—there is special Kingdom authority when you plant a church
 - d. A local church is a lasting pillar of truth in a community

B. We **REFUSE** to put a qualifier **IN FRONT OF** the word Church.

- i. Not micro churches or mega churches, house churches or traditional churches, missional churches or legacy churches...just CHURCHES
- ii. Just like no two snowflakes are alike, no two churches are alike. No two church planters are alike. We are less concerned with the form of church, more concerned with the Presence and Function of the church.

C. We plant church**ES** ~Plural

- i. Church multiplication is inherent in the DNA of every local church
- ii. We plants churches who plant churches, and train church planters who train church planters



1:4:5:4:1

Let me tell you WHY & HOW we plant churches with the 1:4:5:4:1 (slide)

I'll begin with the end in mind:

We have 1 Vision to start 1,000 Churches in creative spaces and places in your community and around the world

Now, here's the 1:4:5:4:1 ~See appendix for expanded manuscript describing the 1:4:5:4:1 in detail.

A) 1 Mission

Our mission is “the relentless pursuit of obedient disciples”

B) 4 Values

- i. God-filled Environments
- ii. Rapid Deployment
- iii. No More Orphans
- iv. Unpredictable Pathway with Predictable Steps

C) 5 Predictable Steps (Slide)

- i. Pray - We work at the intersection of where heaven meets earth.
- ii. Speak Out - We reach people through acquaintances & persons of peace.
- iii. Gather - We prioritize gathering together as the church.
- iv. Obey - We teach people to obey all that Jesus commanded.
- v. Send Out - We quickly deploy laborers into the harvest field.

D) 4 Environments

- i. Jumpstart
- ii. Encounter
- iii. Launchpad Prayer
- iv. Sent Summit

E) 1 Vision:

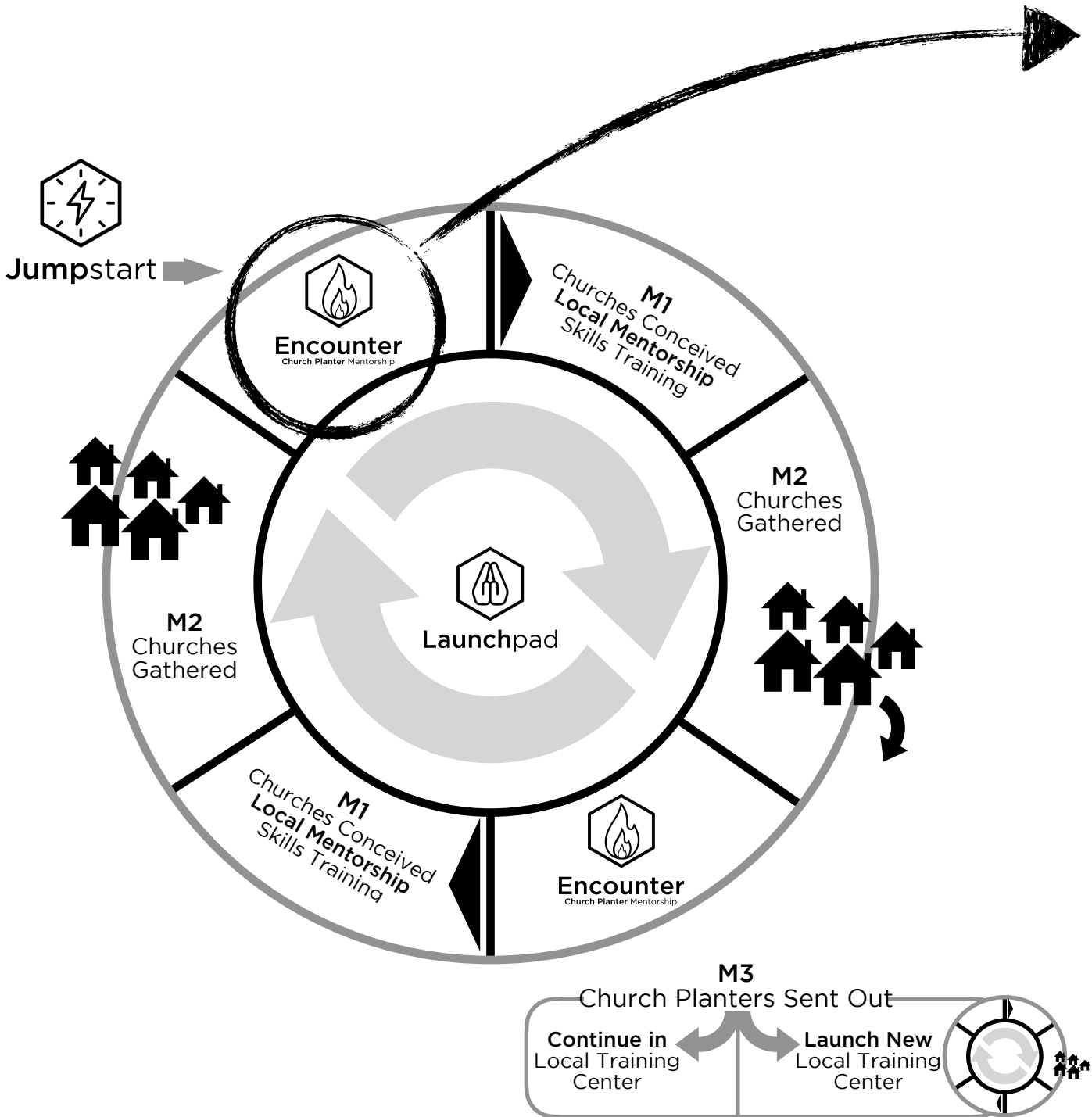
Plant 1,000 Churches in Creative Spaces and Places in Your Community and Around the World

Your Next Step

Attend or host Encounter Weekend: cdn.churchcenter.com

If needed, schedule a follow up meeting to plan or to vision cast with more people.

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Encounter Schedule

BLOCK ONE

SESSION ONE

God's Call

BREAK

SESSION TWO

Vision

ALL PEOPLE, EVERYWHERE

BLOCK THREE

SESSION FIVE

Speak Out

STRATEGY TWO

BREAK

SESSION SIX

Gather

STRATEGY THREE



BLOCK TWO

SESSION THREE

5 Strategies

BREAK

SESSION FOUR

Pray

STRATEGY ONE

BLOCK FOUR

SESSION SEVEN

Obey

STRATEGY FOUR

BREAK

SESSION EIGHT

Send Out

STRATEGY FIVE
COMMUNION & COMMISSIONING

EXPECTATIONS

- Scheduled in advance and on a recurring basis (2x per year)
- God-filled environment: Primary objective is to encounter God
- Keep it simple: 3 to 20 potential church planters in attendance
- Welcome to the network: Kingdom focus with a wide net

The Manifest Presence of Christ

This teaching is part of every Encounter.
It is an application of our value, “God-filled environments.”

“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*)

There is a difference between the Omnipresence (everywhere presence), and the Manifest Presence of God

The Omnipresence is important, but what we need most is the Manifest Presence of the Living God

- i. The Manifest Presence is the place Christ reveals himself to people
- ii. It's where the arm of the Lord is moving
- iii. Where the voice of Lord is speaking
- iv. The Manifest Presence is how we Encounter the intimacy, power and presence of Jesus
- v. It's the place people are brought to: Repentance, Conviction, Forgiveness, Healing, Restoration, Calling, Worship, Sacrifice, and Anointing
- vi. it's the place where the Love of God consumes

The Upper Room—the Manifest Presence of Jesus Christ—is what distinguishes, sets apart, the Church from the rest of the world



We need the Manifest Presence of Jesus. How do we enter into it?

By welcoming Him in! By becoming desperate and hungry for Jesus.

By inviting the Holy Spirit to come! Fall fresh on us!

Jesus said “Behold, I stand at the door and knock. If anyone hears my voice and opens the door, I will come in, and eat with them, and they with me.” *Revelation 3:20*

We begin the first session of an Encounter weekend by teaching on the importance of inviting the Manifest Presence of Christ.

Invite the people to open their hearts and welcome the Holy Spirit.
Lead out in prayer. Exalt the Name of Jesus Christ and ask for His Presence and Spirit to come.
Spend time glorifying Christ in worship, praise, and adoration.

See appendix for additional notes.

EVERY BLOCK LEADS TO A MOMENT

BLOCK ONE

SESSION ONE

God's Call

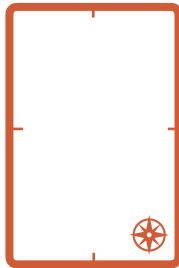
BREAK

SESSION TWO

Vision

ALL PEOPLE, EVERYWHERE

MY MAP



The church planter draws a map - in faith - of what God might do in their region. We commit the plans to the Lord.

BLOCK TWO

SESSION THREE

5 Strategies

BREAK

SESSION FOUR

Pray

STRATEGY ONE

MASTER KEY



The church planter learns that prayer is the key to unlock all doors in the kingdom. We pray as the Lord taught us to pray.

BLOCK THREE

SESSION FIVE

Speak Out

STRATEGY TWO

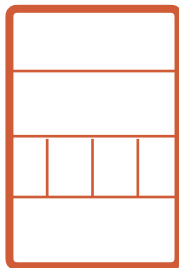
BREAK

SESSION SIX

Gather

STRATEGY THREE

3:1:4:1



The church planter makes a plan for gathering the church in three months. The plan is activated with a declaration of their first step. We commit the plans to the Lord.

BLOCK FOUR

SESSION SEVEN

Obey

STRATEGY FOUR

BREAK

SESSION EIGHT

Send Out

STRATEGY FIVE
COMMUNION & COMMISSIONING

BARRIERS WORKSHOP



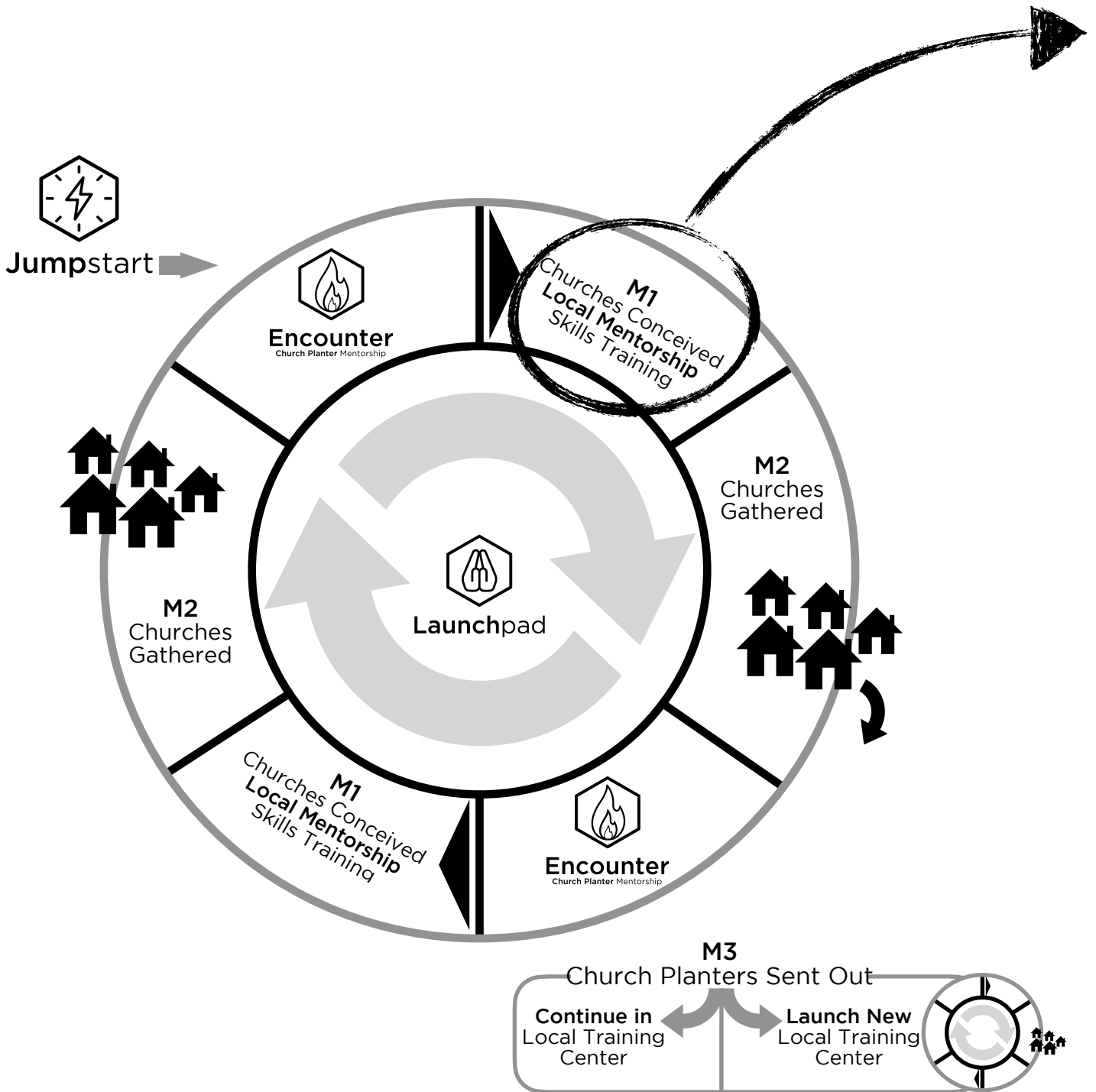
The church planter makes a list of the barriers that threaten the work. We pray for God to throw the mountain into the sea (Mt. 21:21).



THE POWER OF MOMENTS

Our lives are measured in moments, and defining moments are the ones that endure in our memories. Transitions should be marked and milestones commemorated.

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LOCAL TRAINER

No More Orphans. A Trainer is both a mentor and a coach.

A mentor _____.

A coach _____.

A mentor takes you _____.

“God has more for you.”

“Concerned with your spiritual formation.”

A coach makes you _____.

“You have more in you.”

“Challenges you to reach objectives.”

The Apostle Paul was both a mentor and a coach to Timothy

MENTOR: 1 Timothy 1:1, 18 - Paul refers to Timothy as his son in the faith.

COACH: 1 Timothy 1:18, 19 - Paul challenges Timothy to follow his instructions.

BOTH: Mentoring and coaching are related and often woven together in relationship.

1 Timothy 4:6-16 and 1 Timothy 5:11-21 Paul writes as both a mentor and a coach.

How often does a trainer meet with their church planters?

As often as a _____ meets with their _____.

What does a trainer do?

POUR

Guide them in praying through the 7 Prayers of Church Planters

Ask mentoring questions

Bring them into deeper water

PULL

Guide them through the 7 Objectives of Church Planters

Ask coaching questions

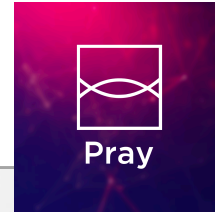
Receive the church planters report

MENTORSHIP AND COACHING

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?**



UNPREDICTABLE PATHWAY WITH PREDICTABLE STEPS

Mentor the church planter to pray, hear from God, and obey.

Coach them to do the work of ministry and complete the 7 expected outcomes.

7 Expected Outcomes

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

- Articulate their personal call to plant churches.**
- Map the area where they will plant churches.**
- Prayer walk their target area.**
- Enlist a prayer team to intercede for them and the vision.**
- Speak out and make disciples in the target area.**
- Gather the church.**
- Identify the next church planter.**



INVITATION

Come to Jesus
Luke 7:36-50

Be Baptized
Acts 8:26-40

FOUNDATION

- Pray**
Matt. 6:5-15
- Speak Out**
John 4:4-42
- Gather**
Acts 2:36-47
- Obey**
Gal. 5:13-25
- Send Out**
Matt. 9:35-10:1



ENCOUNTER

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

PRAY

Lord's Prayer (Matt. 6:5-18)
Nehemiah's Prayer (Nehemiah 1:1-11)
Peter & Rhoda (Acts 12:5-17)

SPEAK OUT

Philip and the Ethiopian (Acts 8:26-40)
The Samaritan Woman (John 4:4-42)
Paul in Athens (Acts 17:16-34)

GATHER

The Early Church (Acts 2:37-47)
Parable of the Wedding Banquet (Matt. 22:1-14)
Peter at Cornelius' House (Acts 10:23-48)

OBEY

The Great Commission (Matt. 28:16-20)
The Wise and Foolish Builders (Matt. 7:24-29)
Listening and Doing (James 1:19-27)

SEND OUT

Jesus Sends the 72 (Luke 10:1-20)
Jesus Appears to His Disciples (John 20:19-23)
Barnabas and Saul Sent Off (Acts 13:1-12)

MULTIPLY

Paul's Parting Words pt. 1 (2 Tim. 2:1-13)
Paul's Parting Words pt. 2 (2 Tim. 2:14-26)
Paul's Parting Words pt. 3 (2 Tim. 3:10-4:5)

COACHING AND MENTORSHIP

Dr. JR's Simple Coaching Q's

How?

How are you? How are your plans/progress/work?

Wow!

Wow, tell me more.

Now.

Now, what's next?

The Coaching Habit Q's

1. The Kickstart Question: What's on your mind?
2. The AWE Question: And what else?
3. The Focus Question: What's the real challenge here for you?
4. The Foundation Question: What do you want?
5. The Lazy Question: How can I help?
6. The Strategic Question: If you're saying Yes to this, what are you saying No to?
7. The Learning Question: What was most useful for you?

Stanier, Michael Bungay. The Coaching Habit: Say Less, Ask More & Change the Way You Lead Forever (p. 200). Box of Crayons Press.

5 STRATEGIES

PRAY

MENTORing Q's

- How is your habit of daily prayer?
- Is your habit of prayer a means of living in the manifest presence of Jesus?
- Is your habit of prayer leading you to submit to Jesus and His Spirit?

COACHing Q's

- Are you praying for workers?
- Are you praying that you will meet a person of peace?
- Who has Jesus revealed to you to talk about Him or your Church plant?

SPEAK OUT

MENTORing Q's

- What has Jesus done for you that you can 'bear witness' about?
- How have you spoken words of encouragement and kindness?
- Have you told people that you are called to plant a church?

COACHing Q's

- Have you met a person of peace?
- Have you offered yourself to others?
- Have you established a plan to invite 100 people to your church?

GATHER

MENTORing Q's

- Who is on your heart to invite?
- Who is an acquaintance (weak tie) that you can reach out to this week?
- How are you at developing as host, not teacher?

COACHing Q's

- Have you set the dates, times, and places to gather?
- What questions do you have about leading a Discover Bible Study?
- What is your plan for the parts of your church gathering?

OBEY

MENTORing Q's

- Are you memorizing Scripture?
- When have you heard from Jesus and immediately obeyed?
- How will you encourage believers to obey all that Jesus commanded?

COACHing Q's

- How do you incorporate 'meet & report' in to your church gathering?
- How do you teach people to obey and follow His spirit into ministry in the world?
- How are you incorporating children into learning about and following God?

SEND OUT

MENTORing Q's

- Is your goal seating capacity or sending capacity?
- How are you celebrating steps of faith within your church family?
- Are you praying for workers to emerge from within your church?

COACHing Q's

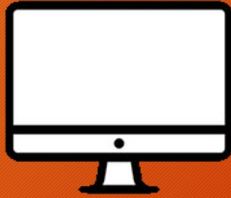
- Who is the next church planter that you are investing?
- How are you initiating personal discipleship with them?
- Who have you invited to the upcoming Encounter?



OFFERING



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Acts 12:24 Churches

FUNDING THE MISSION

The Resources are in the Harvest

FRIENDS OF CDN

Individuals who partner with the CDN are Friends of the CDN.

Your monthly support is a catalyst for ongoing training and deployment of church planters, churches, and christian households.

CDN PARTNER

CDN Partners are churches, organizations, or businesses that are committed to seeing new churches started and families strengthened.

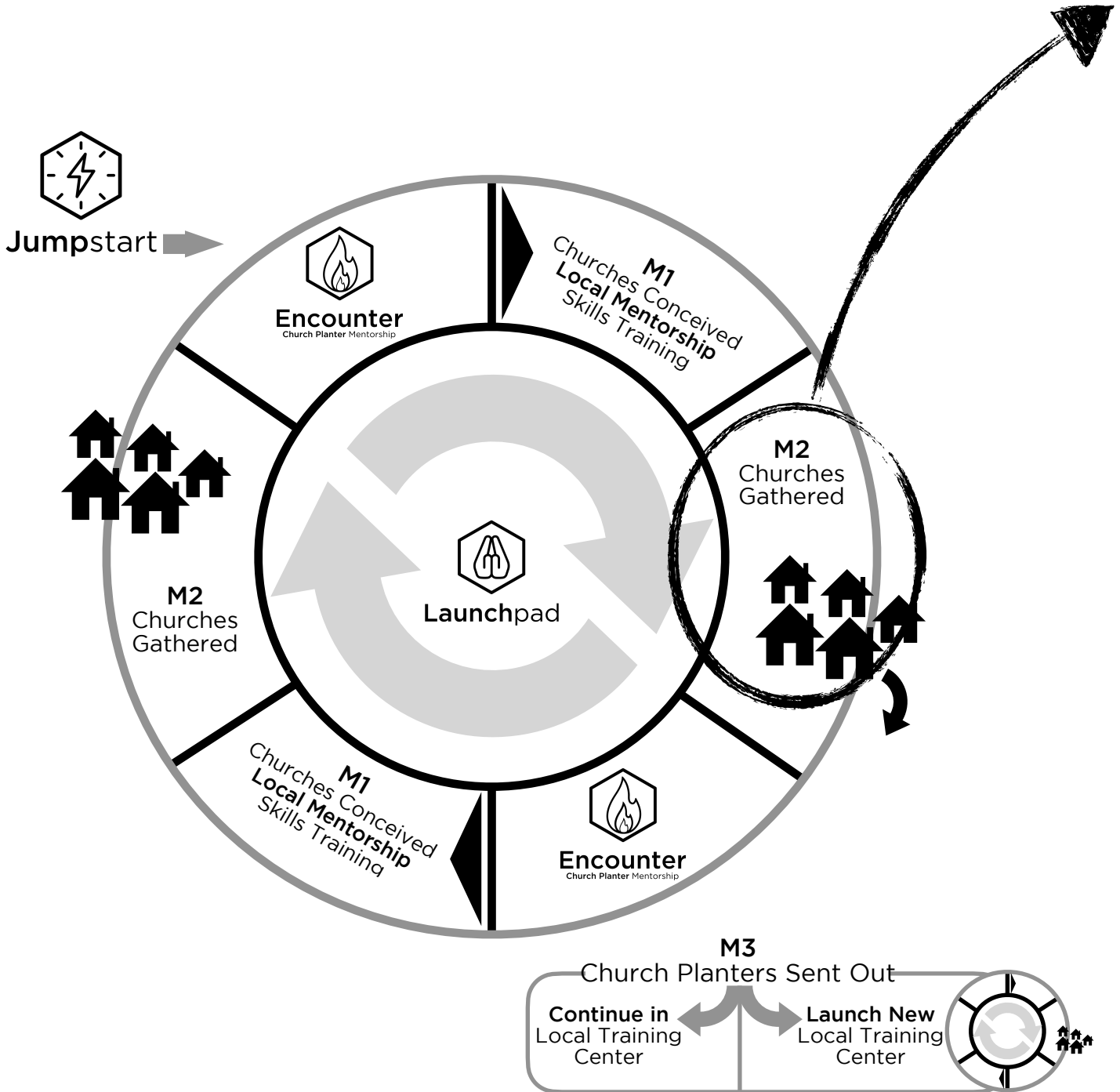
Your partnership is catalyst for church planting - which is the single most effective strategy for evangelism, expanding the body of Christ, and bringing renewal to existing churches.

PENTECOST OFFERING

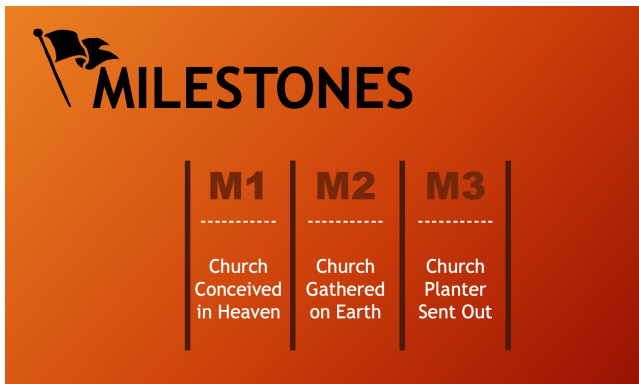
Pentecost is the day the church celebrates the birth of the church (Acts 1 & 2). It's the day the CDN celebrates the birth of more and more churches! Each year we invite individuals and churches to give a generous offering on Pentecost that fuels the movement.

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M2: CHURCHES GATHERED ON EARTH

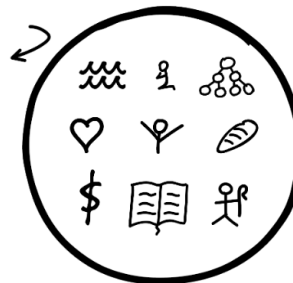


When is a church, a church?

- A local church is “conceived in heaven” when a person says “yes” to the call of Jesus to plant a church.
- A local church is “born on earth” when the first “two or three” people gather together in the Name of Jesus explicitly as a church.
- A local church reaches “maturity” when it reproduces and gives birth to another church.

What makes a church, a church?

- Covenant:** The people understand and agree with one another that they are a church. They commit to one-another as a local body of believers.
- Characteristics:** All churches share the same characteristics found in Acts chapter 2 and illustrated with “The Church Circle.”



- Charismata:** In a church, the Lord utilizes the spiritual gifts of each member for the edification of the body.

How do churches start?

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 five strategies (Pray, Speak Out, Gather, Obey, Send Out) of kingdom multiplication.

We deploy church planters with a simple structure and strategy and allow God to direct the church planter (and invite Jesus to build) the church that is needed in the community. A simple tool to aid in rapid deployment is Discovery Bible Study (DBS).

The resources are in the harvest

God will provide everything that you need as you step out in faith in this church planting journey. The details are in the journey and the resources are in the harvest.

← Look Back

Pray, worship and welcome the manifest presence of Jesus Christ.

ENCOURAGEMENT AND ACCOUNTABILITY
How are you today? How is our family?
How did you do with your “I will” statements from last week?

↑ Look Up ↑

PRAY
Ask the Holy Spirit to bless the study of God’s Word.

READ, TELL, & RETELL
Take turns reading and reciting the Bible passage

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 →

Make and record two "I will" statements

This week, I will start / stop...
This week, I will reach out to...

PRAY FOR
Salvation | Healing | Help | Breakthrough | Blessing

Church Planter Report

Did you gather the church this month?

How many disciples gathered?

Who was baptized?

Who are potential church planters?



Training Center Report

MILESTONE 1

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)?
Who is new? List new church planter information.

MILESTONE 2

What is the **total** number of churches in your branch of the family tree?
Report on existing churches. Submit Church Planter Reports (above).

How many **new** churches started (new since your last report until now)?
Who is new? List new church information.

MILESTONE 3

Is your next Encounter weekend scheduled?
If yes, when and where is it?

How many potential church planters do you expect to attend?

Training Center Planning

ANNUAL SCHEDULE - MEETING LOCATION - PRAYER TEAM

January						
S	M	T	W	T	F	S

February						
S	M	T	W	T	F	S

March						
S	M	T	W	T	F	S

April						
S	M	T	W	T	F	S

May						
S	M	T	W	T	F	S

June						
S	M	T	W	T	F	S

July						
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August						
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September						
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November						
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December						
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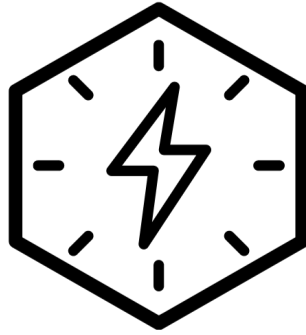
Sent Summit

The Sent Summit is an annual gathering to refresh and refuel church planters on the front lines of the movement.

The summit is open to all and serves as a catalyst to invite workers to join Jesus in His harvest field.

SentSummit.com

APPENDIX



Jumpstart

Jumpstart is casting the vision for church planting. From a one-on-one meeting over coffee to a sermon at a church - a Jumpstart has many forms. The big idea is that you are planting the seed for church planting in a person's life.

For Jumpstart examples visit



churchdevelopment.network/cdncentral

Five ways to Jumpstart

1. Ask, "How?, WOW!, Now..." for a personal invitation.
2. Explain our slogan, "We Plant Churches"
3. Explain the 1:4:5:4:1
4. Utilize the acrostic, "JumpS.T.A.R.T."
5. Preach the Jumpstart sermon, "Why Churches?"

Ask, "How?, WOW!, Now..." for a personal invitation

Dr. JR's Simple Coaching Q's

How?

How is God stirring in your life or ministry?
** Begin with active listening*

WOW!

Wow, tell me more.
** Be an encourager*

Now...

Now, what's next?
** Invite a next step of faith*

Take a step of faith: Attend Encounter weekend

Immediately send an invite link to register for the upcoming Encounter
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Explain our slogan, “We Plant Churches”

We Plant Churches (We Plant Churches Slide)

A. We Plant **CHURCHES**.

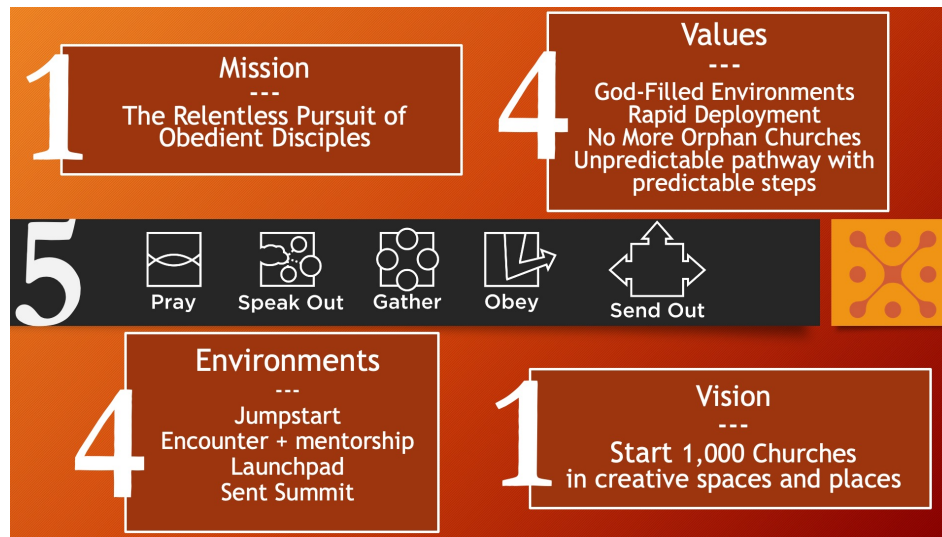
- i. Not missional communities, small groups, outreach posts, etc....
- ii. CHURCHES. Why? The local church is the hope of the world
 - a. There is something special, uniquely powerful/impactful w/ church
 - b. Jesus said “I will build...and gates of hell will not prevail against it
 - c. Something happens in heaven—there is special Kingdom authority when you plant a church
 - d. A local church is a lasting pillar of truth in a community (Jamie)

B. We **REFUSE** to put a qualifier **IN FRONT OF** the word Church.

- i. Not micro churches or mega churches, house churches or traditional churches, missional churches or legacy churches...just CHURCHES
- ii. Just like no two snowflakes are alike, no two churches are alike. No two church planters are alike. We are less concerned with the form of church, more concerned with the Presence and Function of the church

C. We plant church**ES** ~Plural

- i. Church multiplication is inherent in the DNA of every local church
- ii. We plants churches who plant churches, and train church planters who train church planters



1:4:5:4:1

Let me tell you WHY & HOW we plant churches with the 1:4:5:4:1 (slide)

I'll begin with the end in mind:

A) 1 Vision

- i. I'll start with the end: We have 1 Vision to start 1,000 Churches in creative spaces and places in your community and around the world.

B) 1 Mission

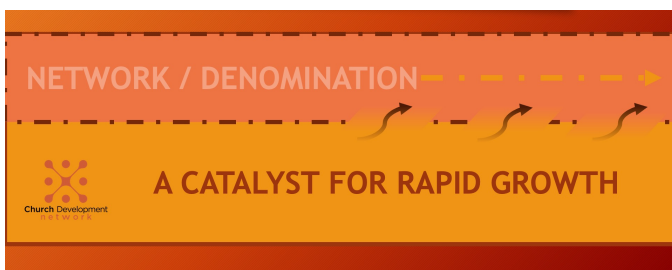
- i. But it's not really about planting 1,000 churches...that's a means to an end.
- ii. Our mission is "the relentless pursuit of obedient disciples"
 - a. Someone asked Jeff Bezos how he went from selling books in his garage to creating Amazon—one of the biggest companies on earth. His response: "We were on a relentless pursuit of what the customer needs."
 - b. We are on a relentless pursuit of what people most need, and what people need the most is to obey Jesus.

C) 4 Values

~We are motivated by 4 core values:

- i. God-filled Environments
 - a. "Upper Room" Churches.
 - b. We don't do any teaching or training without first welcoming the Holy Spirit. We explicitly and intentionally ask for the Manifest Presence of Christ to be with us.
- ii. Rapid Deployment
 - a. Church planting usually has a "Ready, Set, Go" model. (slide)
 - b. But really, it's a "Ready, set set set set...long time to go! If ever!"
 1. credentialing, education, ordination, can take years and years.
 2. assessments, fundraising, launch plan, core number, prohibits many ordinary, average, everyday people whom Jesus is calling.
 - c. Instead of Ready, Set, Go" we use "Ready, GO! Set"
 1. Ready! You are ready to go when Jesus calls you to plant a church and you say "Yes." (God doesn't call the qualified—He qualifies the called) (This call is often discerned during an Encounter weekend, which I will take about soon. The next step for a potential/discerning church planter is always to come to Encounter)
 2. Go! Immediately the church planter is empowered and deployed to start the church.
 3. Set! The church planter is trained, educated, coached and mentored "on the job" as they plant the church under the close guidance and care of a local trainer.

d. In this way, CDN provides a Proving Ground for pastors and Catalyst for Rapid Kingdom Expansion (Sandbox Slides)



e. This kind of Rapid Deployment runs throughout the Old and New Testament

1. Call of Abraham

2. Acts 13-14 *Note: Churches come first—appointed elders come later.

3. Paul warned “do not be hasty with the laying on of hands.” We do not short cut or alter the ordination process. It’s important. But we rapidly deploy church planters to immediately obey the call of Jesus on their lives and gather new churches. This can only happen by the power, presence & authority of Jesus, and with our next essential value: No More Orphan Churches.

iii. No More Orphans

a. The Seminary model for clergy development is good for education, but bad for mentorship. Upon graduation, most student pastors are left without close mentorship and guidance

b. The NT demonstrates the Paul—Timothy, spiritual parent spiritual child relationship of church multiplication

c. We structure church multiplication like a family tree. We work to see no more orphan churches through close, local and long-term mentorship

iv. Unpredictable Pathway with Predictable Steps

a. “cookie-cutter” church planting models do not usually work

b. Like snowflakes, No 2 churches, church planters, or communities are the same.

c. So instead of teaching a “102 steps for a successful church plant,” we train church planters in the predictable New Testament pathway for church multiplication

(v.) (Bonus Value) (The Resources Are in the Harvest)

a. We do zero-dollar church planting. All the resources, workers, and money needed to provide for the work of Christ’s Kingdom is in the harvest fields of the Lord. As we make disciples and gather churches, the resources necessary for the work emerge

b. We do not need to raise any money in order for a church planter to be deployed. The funds will come as the mission is fruitful

c. Zero-dollar church planting makes rapid church multiplication possible.

Unpredictable pathway with predictable steps



Pray



Speak Out



Gather



Obey



Send Out



D) 5 Predictable Steps (Slide)

~We train church planters in the 5 predictable, biblical steps of church multiplication

- i. Pray - We work at the intersection of where heaven meets earth.
- ii. Speak Out - We reach people through acquaintances & persons of peace.
- iii. Gather - We prioritize gathering together as the church.
- iv. Obey - We teach people to obey all that Jesus commanded.
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~Acts 1 & 2 serves as a model as we follow 5 strategies from the birth of the first church.

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2. Peter spoke out: (Acts 2:4; Acts 2:14-36)
3. The church gathered: (Acts 2:36-47)
4. The believers obeyed: (Acts 2:42)
5. The Lord sent out workers: (Acts 2:47ff.)



Jumpstart



Encounter
Church Planter Mentorship



Launchpad



Sent Summit

E) 4 Environments

~The process of church multiplication unfolds in 4 primary environments:

i. Jumpstart

- a. Vision Casting to recruit church planters
- b. The next step is always to attend or host an Encounter weekend

ii. Encounter

- a. A powerful weekend where potential church planters discern the call of Jesus to plant churches and respond with their "Yes Lord."
- b. Encounter is 50% revival (deep worship & prayer) & 50% training
- c. After encountering the manifest presence of Christ, church planters leave Encounter able to articulate a clear call to plant churches, leave with a 90 plan to start the church, and leave with a powerful commissioning to do the work
- d. Flywheel Principle (calendar slide, flywheel slide, trainer-church planters slide)
 - i. Encounter takes place every 6 months
 - ii. This creates a rhythm of church multiplication that resonates with western culture. It is "calendar-based," "event-based" multiplication

iii. The first group (first generation) of church planters attend Encounter weekend. After Encounter, they receive local coaching and mentorship to plant their church, often within 90 days. 6 months later, everybody who attended the first Encounter comes again, this time prayerfully identifying and inviting another potential church planter to come with them. The process continues every 6 months and churches multiply.

iii. Launchpad Prayer

a. Church planters and prayer intercessors meet on zoom for one hour per month to pray and ask the Lord of the harvest to send out workers into his harvest field.

iv. Sent Summit

a. An annual gathering where church planters and their people gather together to celebrate what God is doing, be refreshed, challenged and refueled to continue the work of rapid Kingdom Expansion.

****It all brings us back to our 1 Vision: Plant 1,000 Churches in Creative Spaces and Places in Your Community and Around the World*

3) Your Next Step

Attend or host Encounter Weekend

Send via email or text a specific invite link to Upcoming Encounter)

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If needed, schedule a follow up meeting to plan, or to vision cast with more people within the relevant network)

End by showing pictures of recent church plants and telling a story.

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Jump S.T.A.R.T. Outline

S: Send Me!

Matthew 9:37-38

³⁷ Then he said to his disciples, “The harvest is plentiful, but the workers are few. ³⁸ Ask the Lord of the harvest, therefore, to send out workers into his harvest field.”

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

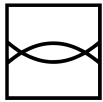
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Unpredictable Pathway with Predictable Steps

Pray — Speak Out — Gather — Obey — Send Out

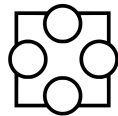
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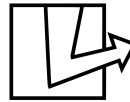
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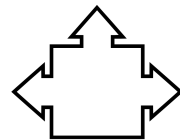
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R: Right here and now

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

1. **Respond** to God’s call to plant churches.
2. **Attend** Encounter weekend.

Jumpstart Sermon Outline

Intro:

I'd like to begin today, with a question...a simple, and profound, question. Why Churches? Why Churches? Why not just small groups? Bible Studies? Compassion Ministries? Missional Communities? Why Churches? Simply put: Because the Local Church is the hope of the world. Jesus said, "I will build my church, and the gates of hell will not stand against it." I'd like to read together the passage that describes the very first local church. Let's pray.

Read Acts 2:42-47

They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and to fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer. ⁴³ Everyone was filled with awe at the many wonders and signs performed by the apostles. ⁴⁴ All the believers were together and had everything in common. ⁴⁵ They sold property and possessions to give to anyone who had need. 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, ⁴⁷ praising God and enjoying the favor of all the people. And the Lord added to their number daily those who were being saved.

I don't know about you, but I want to be part of a church like that...I want to be part of a church that's filled with people devoted to the teachings of Jesus, the fellowship, the breaking of bread and to prayer...I want to be part of a church where *we as disciples* are constantly in awe, at the signs & wonders & miracles of the Living God...I want to be part of a church that's so generous there are no needy persons among them...I want to be part of a church that has sincere joy and gladness, meeting in homes and praising God!...I want to be part of a church, where the Lord adds daily to their number those who are being saved. I want to be part of a church, like that.

I want to be part of a church, who gives birth to *more and more* churches like that! In fact, I want to live in a world that's full of churches like that, so that the whole earth might be filled with the knowledge of the glory of the LORD, as the waters cover the sea.

Over the next few moments this morning, I'm going to share the story of how that first, beautiful church came to be.

Tell the Story:

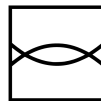
a. In the fullness of time, Jesus, the Christ, came from heaven to earth to save the world

1.He went around from town to town teaching the people, healing the sick, driving out demons, all the while proclaiming the Good News of the Kingdom of God

2.He looked out upon the crowds of people as they were coming to Him. And when He saw them, He was *filled with compassion*...because He saw they were harassed and helpless...like sheep without a shepherd. And in response to the suffering of the people, He turned to His disciples and gave them a profound prayer: He said "The harvest is plentiful, but the workers are few. *Ask the Lord of the harvest*, therefore, to send out workers into his harvest field.

3.Death and Resurrection

4.Acts 1:8 and Ascension



Pray

Pray: All the believers, a group of 120 people, met constantly in prayer. Then on the day of Pentecost, when they were praying, suddenly, a violent wind came and filled the whole house where they were sitting! What seemed to be tongues of fire separated and came to rest on each of them! And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and clothed with power from on high! The first step in church multiplication is "Pray"

Explain the icon: Prayer is the intersection where heaven meets earth. It's that incarnational place where we hear from God, and move in the Presence and Power of the Holy Spirit.

But the believers didn't just pray...the story continues.

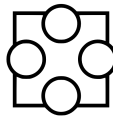


Speak Out

Speak Out: When they were all filled with the Holy Spirit, what seemed to be tongues of fire came and separated upon each of them! And they spoke out! They proclaimed the wonders of God in the native languages of the people as the Holy Spirit empowered them! And then Peter stood up! The same Peter who used to be a coward, but now full of the Holy Spirit, Peter proclaimed the Good News of Jesus Christ! And when they heard the Word of God spoken from the mouth of Peter, the people were cut to the heart and asked: “What shall we do?”

Explain the icon: Filled with the Holy Spirit, the Lord helps us speak out to reach past our oikos, our inner circle, and to break into new people groups and networks of people.

But the believers didn’t just pray, and they didn’t just speak out...the story continues.



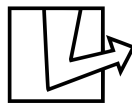
Gather

Gather: When the peoples in Jerusalem heard the Gospel from Peter that day, it says they were “cut to the heart.” Have you ever been “cut to the heart?” Have you ever been in a large crowd of people, yet when the preacher speaks, it’s like you are the only one in the room? And the speaker is speaking just to you?” On the day of Pentecost, some 3,000 people were cut to the heart, and knew there must be something more. So they asked, “What now? What must we do?”

Peter invited everyone, from all those different nations and languages, to come to Jesus Christ. They were gathered to Christ. Through repentance and baptism in the name of Jesus, people of many different nations and cultures were gathered into the *one* holy people of Jesus Christ. And in Jerusalem that day, the local church was born, as 3,000 were gathered into fellowship, into koinonia with one another...They began meeting together every day in the temple courts and in their homes!

Explain the icon: We quickly gather people from different circles into a local church—the local Body of Christ.

But the believers didn’t just gather...the story continues.

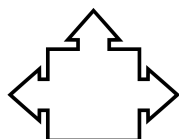


Obey

Obey: There was a purpose to their gatherings! I love the first words used to describe this newly gathered people of Jesus in Acts 2:42. It says: “They devoted themselves to the apostles teaching.” The apostles were fulfilling the Great Commission given at the end Matthew 28! In the Power and Presence of Jesus through the Holy Spirit, Peter and the other apostles began making disciples of many different nations by baptizing some 3,000 that first day, and teaching them to obey all the commands of Christ! Evidence of their obedience was found, not only in their love of God, but in their deep love for one another. There were no needy persons among them, having everything in common, they sold their possessions and gave to those in need.

Explain the icon: We teach people to obey Jesus by receiving the Word of the Lord from heaven and reflecting it out into the world.

But the believers didn’t just pray, speak out, gather, and teach the people to obey Jesus. They did one more very important thing.



Send Out

Send Out: They multiplied the church. The result of their Spirit-filled obedience, was that they became fruitful and multiplied. Jesus continued to build his church as the Lord added daily to their number those who were being saved. And as you read throughout the rest of Acts, the local church would continue to multiply as the believers were sent out from house to house in Jerusalem, Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth. In one generation, that one local church multiplied into Asia, Europe, and even Africa. They took the Gospel and multiplied the Body of Christ everywhere!

Explain the icon: We raise up and send out Kingdom leaders and church planters to multiply the Kingdom of Jesus into the world.

Conclusion:

Why churches? There was a man in Virginia who received devastating news. He went to the doctor, and was diagnosed with cancer. They told him it was terminal, and said he had about one year to live. This man came to a jumpstart like this one. He had the gift of perspective, and said “For this last year of my life, I’m going to bring as many people into heaven with me as I can! Before I die, I’m going to lead as many people as I can to Christ!

Then he heard about church planting. He heard the story of Acts and how the first local church came to be. And with tears in his eyes, he said, “Now I know what the Lord would have me do. This last year of my life, instead of just leading people to Christ, what if I can plant a church? I only have one more year of life to lead people to Jesus. But if I can plant a church, in one year, when I die and go to Glory, that church will still be here!!! And that church will still be leading people to Christ, long after I’m gone!

Why churches? Because a local church is a lasting pillar of Truth in a community. Because local churches outlive the people who found them.

(End in prayer, and invite people to respond to the call to plant churches. Invite the people to open their hands, and pray a blessing on those the Lord is stirring. Give them the NEXT STEP by inviting them to Encounter.)

Encounter Schedule

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God's Call

BREAK

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Vision

ALL PEOPLE, EVERYWHERE

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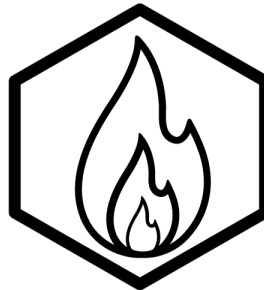
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	> Moment 1 Response: Background Music	
	> You Said (Ask For the Nations) (G)	

BLOCK TWO

5 Strategies

BREAK

Pray

STRATEGY ONE

BLOCK TWO		
SESSION THREE		
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	> Good Good Father (G)	
	> The Goodness of God (D)	
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	3) Mentorship Process	T1
SESSION FOUR		
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	2) Respond in Prayer [MOMENT #2]	T2
	> Moment 2 Response: "Touch of Heaven" Live Recording	
	> "Soaking In His Presence" William Augusto Recording	

BLOCK THREE

Speak Out

STRATEGY TWO

BREAK

Gather

STRATEGY THREE

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SESSION FIVE

	1) Worship	
	> Graves into Gardens (G)	
	2) Strategy 2: Speak Out	T1

SESSION SIX

	1) Strategy 3: Gather	T2
	2) My 3:1:4:1 [MOMENT #3]	T1
	3) Pray over plans	
	> Moment 3 Response: Background Music	
	> Lord I Need You (G)	

BLOCK FOUR

Obey

STRATEGY FOUR

BREAK

Send Out

STRATEGY FIVE
COMMUNION & COMMISSIONING

BLOCK FOUR

SESSION SEVEN

	1) Worship	T2
	> The Goodness of God (D)	
	2) Devotions / Testimonies	T1
	3) Strategy 4: Obey	T1
	4) Review the Mentorship Process	T1

SESSION EIGHT

	1) Strategy 5: Send Out	T2
	2) Multiply (elephants & rabbits)	T2
	3) Barrier Workshop [MOMENT #4]	T1
	> Moment 4 Response: Background Music	
	> Our God Is Greater (G)	
	4) Commission	Host
	> Revelation Song (D)	

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Session One: God's Call

Introduction | Welcome to the CDN | Overview of Encounter Weekend

1) Overview of the Church Development Network

Encounter Overview: Schedule
CDN: We Plant Churches

Our 1:4:5:4:1 explains Why & How

1 - One Mission:

A Relentless Pursuit of Obedient Disciples

4 - Four Values

i. 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.

ii. 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.

iii. 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.

iv. 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 five strategies.

5 - Five Strategies

- i. Pray - We work at the intersection of where heaven meets earth
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4 - Four Environments

- i. Jumpstart - A simple & Biblical method to cast the vision and get started
- ii. Encounter +mentorship - A weekend experience followed by 7 months of focused training and mentorship
- iii. Launchpad - Where our church planters saturate the Kingdom work with on-fire prayer
- iv. Sent Summit - An annual gathering to celebrate God's faithfulness

1 - One Vision

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

2) The Manifest Presence of God

1. There is a difference between the Omnipresence (everywhere presence), and the Manifest Presence of God

- i. The Omnipresence is beautiful and encouraging
- ii. God is with you always, everywhere and at all times
- iii. He's with you in the house, bathroom, yard, USA, China, work
- iv. He's at the church; and was there before anywhere got there
- v. He's at the Mosque, the Hindu temple, at the bar down the street
- vi. God is present when you seek him, even present when you sin

2. The Omnipresence is important, but what we need most is the Manifest Presence of the Living God

- i. The Manifest Presence is the place Christ reveals himself to people
- ii. It's where the arm of the Lord is moving
- iii. Where the voice of Jesus is speaking
- iv. The Manifest Presence is the way we Encounter the Risen Lord
- v. It's how we Encounter the intimacy, power and presence of Jesus
- vi. The Manifest Presence is the place people are brought to repentance! The place of conviction! Forgiveness of sins! Healing! Restoration! Deep Calling! Deep Worship! Sacrifice! Anointing! Where the Love of God consumes!!!
- vii. It's the Upper Room we read about throughout the Scriptures—where God gives vision and revelation, where dead children are raised to life, it's the intimate upper room where Jesus washes the feet of his disciples, and shares his very body and blood with them—with us

3. The Upper Room—the Manifest Presence of Jesus Christ—is what distinguishes, sets apart, the Church from the rest of the world

4. We need the Manifest Presence of Jesus. So how do we enter into it?

- i. By welcoming Him in! By becoming desperate and hungry for Jesus
- ii. By inviting the Holy Spirit to come! Fall fresh on us
- iii. Jesus said "Behold, I stand at the door and knock. If anyone hears my voice and opens the door, I will come in, and eat with them, and they with me"

("So let's begin by inviting the Manifest Presence of Christ to come among us." Invite the people to open their hearts and welcome the Holy Spirit. Lead out in prayer. Exalt the Name of Jesus Christ and ask for His Presence and Spirit to come. Spend time glorifying Christ in worship, praise, and adoration.)

3) God's Call

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1. God's call will interrupt whatever you were busy doing

- a. God's call of Elisha 1 Kings 19:19ff
Context: Elijah – I am the only one left
Elisha was... Busy & Wealthy
Elijah's Cloak v19 - the mental / the call
Elisha was... Obedient - Burnt his ploughs v21

2. God's call sets our priorities

- Several 'calls in a person's life
- Personal illustration of your call to ministry / obey Him and how it set your priorities in life
- Changed my major – re-set my priorities

Jesus' call set his priorities, "My food," Jesus said to them, "is to obey the will of the one who sent me and to finish the work he gave me to do" (Jn 4:34)

"For I have come down from heaven, not to do my own will, but the will of the one who sent me" (Jn 6:38)

3. God's call raises and sends workers

Very Important: Don't convince people to enter the harvest field. Teach them to surrender to Jesus / listen to Him. The prayer Jesus asked his disciples to pray as they were sent into the harvest field

He told them, “The harvest is plentiful, but the workers are few. Ask the Lord of the harvest, therefore, to send out workers into his harvest field” (Luke 10:2)

4. God’s call gives purpose and direction

Point on horizon (boat trip 180 due south; 1 degree here is miles off course)

*You will get somewhere in life, but will you get somewhere on purpose? *Direction not Intention.*

— **Yogi Berra**, “If you don’t know where you’re going, you’ll end up someplace else.”

“Jesus answered them, ‘Even though I am testifying about myself, my testimony is valid because I know where I have come from and (I know) where I am going.’ (Jn 8:14)

5. God’s call needs to be articulated

•*Words have power*

•*It is not meant to be kept to yourself. Your call is for you and for others. Communicating your call cements your call.*

Paul articulated his call, “Paul, a servant of Christ Jesus, called to be an apostle and set apart for the Gospel of God” (Ro 1:1)

“Paul, an apostle – sent not from men nor by man, but by Jesus Christ and God the Father, who raised him from the dead” (Ga 1:1)

6. God’s call ignites vision and ministry passion

Paul’s conversion and call. Acts 9 (v.20 at once, he preached the Gospel)

“But I reckon my own life to be worth nothing to me; I only want to complete my mission and finish the work that the Lord Jesus gave me to do, which is to declare the Good News about the grace of God” (Act 20:24)

7. God’s call requires conscientious planning

At first reading, this scripture is about putting pen to paper for planning but this scripture (Luke 14:28ff) is one of three illustrations that Jesus gives about counting the cost to being His disciple

“Pack Your Coffin” Illustration of missionaries from 1800’s buying one-way ticket and packing belongings in a coffin.

“If one of you is planning to build a tower, you sit down first and figure out what it will cost, to see if you have enough money to finish the job. If you don’t, you will not be able to finish the tower after laying the foundation; and all who see what happened will make fun of you. ‘You began to build but can’t finish the job!’ they will say” (Lk 14:28-30)

8. God’s call activates our faith

It was by faith that Abraham obeyed when God called him to leave home and go to another land that God would give him as his inheritance. He went without knowing where he was going. (Heb 11:8)

“The one who calls you is faithful and He will do it” (1 thes 5:28)

Following God’s call requires faith. Luke 10, Jesus told his disciples what to bring, but also what not to bring (no bag, no cloak, no sandals). Why? God’s call activates our faith!

9. God’s call guards against distractions

No sideways energy. The goal is not to be a busy

“The only thing that counts is faith expressing itself through love. You were running a good race. Who cut in on you and kept you from obeying the truth? That kind of persuasion does not come from the one who calls you” (Gal 5:6-8)

10. God’s call defines our sphere of ministry

We, however, will not boast beyond proper limits, but will confine our boasting to the sphere of ministry God himself has assigned to us, a sphere that also includes you (2 Co 10:13)

11. God’s call expands our area of activity

“Our hope is that, as your faith continues to grow, our area of activity among you will greatly expand, so that we can preach the gospel in the regions beyond you” (2 Co 10:15,16)

Luke 5, calling of Peter, James and John. What is your BIG catch? How might God expand it?

Pack Your Coffin

A band of brave souls became known as one-way missionaries two centuries ago. They bought tickets to the mission field without the return half. Instead of suitcases, they packed their few earthly belongings into coffins. As they sailed away, they waved goodbye to everyone they loved and all they knew, knowing they'd never return home.

A.W. Milne (1785-1822) was one of those missionaries. He set sail for the New Hebrides in the South Pacific, aware that the headhunters there had martyred every missionary before him. Milne didn't fear for his life because he had already died to himself. His coffin was packed.

For 35 years he lived among that tribe. When he died, they buried him in the middle of the village and inscribed this on his tombstone: "When he came there was no light. When he left there was no darkness."

Another intrepid soul cut from the same cloth was Methodist missionary, James Calvert (1813-1892), who committed his life to reaching the indigenous peoples of the Fiji Islands. It is widely reported that upon his voyage, the ship's captain warned him to turn back, saying, "You will lose your life and the lives of those with you if you go among such savages." Calvert purportedly replied, "We died before we came here."

Calvert and Milne understood the implications of Galatians 2:20, "I have been crucified with Christ." The first and most essential act of following God's call is to commit to the plan of dying to self.

Those men lived powerfully for God because they recognized that the greatest barrier to discovering all that God has for us is our preoccupation with self.

That is why Jesus declared unapologetically in Luke 9:23, "If anyone would come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross daily and follow me."

Now let me ask you, "Are you dying to yourself and taking up the cross?" Have you packed your coffin?

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BLOCK ONE

SESSION TWO

Vision

ALL PEOPLE, EVERYWHERE

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Session Two: Vision

1) What is a Church?

1. 3 Milestones (p.14-15)

1. There are three milestones in the life cycle of Church Multiplication

- i. A local church is “conceived in heaven” when a person says “yes” to the call of Jesus to plant a church in a particular place or among a particular group of people
- ii. A local church is “born on earth” when the first “two or three” people gather together in the Name of Jesus explicitly as a church
- iii. A local church reaches “maturity” when it reproduces and gives birth to another church

2. It's like biological reproduction

- i. Life begins at conception—all the DNA, all the potential, is fully present in the embryonic state, even before birth. The acorn has everything it needs to grow into the mighty oak tree. The DNA is in the seed. Likewise, the life of the church begins the moment the church planter says yes to the call of Jesus. At that moment, something happens in heaven
- ii. When the baby is born, it's fully human. Even though it's small and immature—it can't even walk yet—it's 100% fully a human being. In the same way, when a newborn church is born—that first 2 or 3 gathered in the Name of Jesus—it's 100% fully a church. But it's a newborn. It has a lot of growing to do
- iii. An organism is considered biologically mature when it is able to reproduce. The time it takes to mature varies depending on the size and complexity of the organism. An elephant takes 18 years to be able to reproduce. A rabbit takes 4 months. In the same way, a local church is considered mature when it's able to give birth to another church

3. Since we're talking about biology, hear this: The local church is pregnant with potential. Everything a community needs is pregnant within the local church.

- i. There are countless stories when a local church comes to a village in Africa. The village had many parentless children, illiteracy, contaminated water, and was ridden with disease. But when the local church came, soon after the clean-water wells came, and the orphanage, and the school, and the hospital. Why? Because the local church is pregnant with potential
- ii. Everything the community needs is preloaded within the local church

2. The 3 C's

1. What makes a church, a church?

What distinguishes it from a small group, or Bible Study, or missional community? The answer is the 3 C's—Covenant, Characteristics, and Charismata

- i. Covenant: The people understand and agree with one another that they are a church. As a church, they are committed to one another. A church explicitly acknowledges it is a church
- ii. Characteristics: All churches in all places in all ages have shared the same characteristics found in Acts chapter 2. We use a simple tool, “The Church Circle”

(Draw or display the Church Circle: baptize, pray, make disciples, love God & people, worship, communion, giving, Word, shepherds)

- iii. Charismata: In a church, the Lord utilizes the spiritual gifts of each member for the edification of the body

2) Vision & Saturation Church Planting

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“It’s a terrible thing to see and have no vision.” (Helen Keller)

1. Vision is one of the most important characteristics of a godly leader

2. Consider the examples of some visionary leaders

1. The Wright Brothers
 - i. Others scoffed when they said they had a vision to make heavy machines fly
 - ii. Now people travel all over the world because of their vision
2. Henry Ford
 - i. Ford had a vision that every family have an automobile
 - ii. He said “If I had asked people what they wanted, they would have said faster horses”
 - iii. Now, his vision is realized, and cars are everywhere

3. God’s 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.” (Mt 24:14)

4. Consider Biblical examples of visionary leadership

1. “Men of Issachar, who understood the times and knew what Israel should do” (1 Chron 12:32)
 - i. A leader understands the times, and knows what to do
2. Habakkuk had a vision that “the earth will be filled with the knowledge of the glory of the LORD, as the waters cover the sea” (Habakkuk 2:14)
3. Habakkuk was also told “write down the revelation and make it plain on tablets so that a herald may run with it” (Habakkuk 2:2)
 - i. It’s important to write the vision down
 - ii. Why? Because when God gives you a vision, it’s not just for you. It’s for others as well. It’s meant to be shared

5. There are 7 things godly vision does

1. It’s surfaced by the needs of others
2. Gives rise to godly compassion
3. Inspires godly prayers
4. Invites response to God’s call
5. Requires changes through godly plans
6. Anticipates godly changes
7. Empowers godly leaders to mobilize others

6. Visionary leaders embrace “Z” thinking: they don’t just have “A-B-C” in mind, they see all the way to Z
“Z” thinking means, “To begin with the end in mind”

7. “Z” thinking requires Saturation Church Planting

1. Saturation Church Planting is completing the Great Commission through church planting in such a way that every man, woman and child has a chance to accept or reject the Gospel through the witness of a local church
2. “Z” thinking involves considering what God wants to see accomplished for His glory in any given region
3. For “Z” to happen, the church must be everywhere, on display to everyone

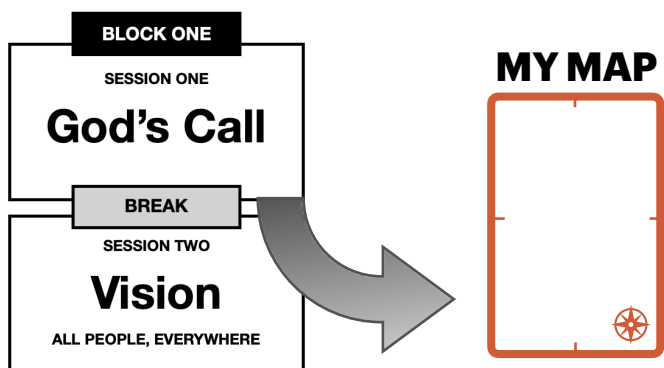
3) My Map Workshop

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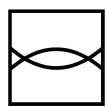
(Use a whiteboard to MAP your vision. The instructor will lead by example and draw their map on the whiteboard. Church Planters will draw their map on the handout or in their book.

Church planters will share and declare their vision.

Commit your plans to the Lord Proverbs 16:3, "Commit your actions to the Lord, and your plans will succeed." Enter a time of Worship & Prayer. Conclude this time by praying over the maps)



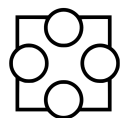
The church planter draws a map - in faith - of what God might do in their region. We commit the plans to the Lord.



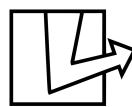
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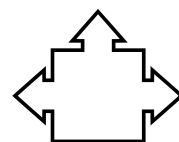
Speak Out



Gather



Obey



Send Out

BLOCK TWO

SESSION THREE

5 Strategies

SESSION THREE

1) Worship

> Good Good Father (G)

> The Goodness of God (D)

2) 5 Strategies Overview

3) Mentorship Process

Session Three: Five Strategies

(Begin by introducing the value of God-filled environments. Spend time glorifying Christ in worship, praise, and adoration. Invite the Holy Spirit to come and fill the space. Welcome the Manifest Presence of Jesus.)

(As you transition from praise and worship, introduce the opportunity for an Offering to be received toward the end of our training. Introduce the opportunity for Giving Online at ChurchDevelopment.network/give)

1) Overview of the 5 Strategies

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(Draw out the icons for the 5 strategies on a white board or poster as you teach through them)

1. Pray - We work at the intersection of where heaven meets earth
2. Speak Out - We reach people through acquaintances and persons of peace
3. Gather - We prioritize gathering together as the church
4. Obey - We teach people to obey all that Jesus commanded
5. Send Out - We quickly deploy laborers into the harvest field

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)

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

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)

Obey: Acts 2:42

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

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)

(Have the participants practice drawing & reciting the 5 strategies in pairs, groups, & in front)

2) The Mentorship Process

Our 3x3 +Mentorship Process will help you succeed in planting churches
It includes 3 Months, 3 Milestones, 3 Years, + ongoing Mentorship

3 Months

- i. The next 3 Months are crucial
- ii. You immediately join the CDN Community of Practice
- iii. CDN Facebook group
- iv. Goal: Gather your church in 3 months

3 Milestones

- i. M1: Church Conceived in Heaven
- ii. M2: Church Gathered on Earth
- iii. M3: Church Planter Sent out

3 Years

- i. Flywheel Principle
- ii. Encounter Weekend Every 6 Months
- iii. Church Planters attend until M2
- iv. At M2 Church planters attend until M3
- v. Repeat as new M1 has reaches M3
- vi. Enroll/Complete a pastoral formation program

1. Value: No More Orphan Churches

- i. +Mentorship (bi-weekly zoom)
- ii. Launchpad Prayer (2nd Tuesday)
- iii. Local trainer/mentor/coach (in the harvest)

2. Pay it Forward

- i. Join the CDN Facebook group right now
- ii. Join the CDN Prayer Team
- iii. Offering: Giving Online ChurchDevelopment.network/give

(Break)

BLOCK TWO

SESSION FOUR

Pray

STRATEGY ONE

SESSION FOUR

1) Strategy 1: Pray

2) Respond in Prayer [MOMENT #2]

> Moment 2 Response: "Touch of Heaven" Live Record

> "Soaking In His Presence" William Augusto Recording

Session Four: Pray

(After the break, gather everyone back with a time of praise and worship.)

1) Strategy 1: Pray

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1. Prayer: Depth Impacts Breadth

1. The depth and intimacy of your prayer life will determine the breadth of your ministry
2. The scripture promises the Lord hears our prayer

Psalm 5:3, "In the morning, O LORD, you hear my voice; in the morning I lay my requests before you and wait in expectation."

Psalm 34:15, "The eyes of the LORD are on the righteous and his ears are attentive to their cry."

1 John 5:14, "This is the confidence we have in approaching God: that if we ask anything according to his will, he hears us."

2. Ora et Labora

1. The Benedictine Rule ordered monastic life around two essential elements: "Ora et Labora" meaning "Prayer & Work"

- i. There are only two things believers can do to advance the Kingdom of God on earth. Pray and Work
- ii. To "Pray" and to "Work" are the two most important you can do as a church planter
- iii. Both are required. Its prayer alone or work alone. It's both

2. Prayer and work are intrinsically tied together in every aspect of church planting

"Pray as though everything depended on God. Work as though everything depended on you." ~St. Augustine

Prayer saturates every area of the work. Church planters...

- i. Prayerfully plan, map, and research their targeted areas
- ii. Regularly go on Prayer Walks
- iii. Recruit a personal Prayer Shield
- iv. Pray for workers (Luke 10:2 Prayer)

Jesus taught us to pray for workers

- i. He went throughout all the towns and villages, teaching in their synagogues, and preaching the gospel of the kingdom, and healing every disease and all sickness
- ii. And when he saw the crowds, he was moved to compassion for them, because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd
 - a. You see, Jesus had the eyes of heaven—he had heavenly vision
 - b. Where others saw a bunch of broken, harassed and helpless people
 - c. Jesus saw the harvest. He saw what was so valuable and precious
 - d. He saw what needed to be brought into his Father's house
- iii. and so he said to his disciples "The harvest is plentiful, but the workers are few. Ask the Lord of the harvest to send out workers into his harvest field"

(At this point, pause to invite participants to take out their phones. Explain the Luke 10:2 Prayer movement. Invite everyone set their alarms to 10:02 and join the global 10:2 Movement)

3. Prayer: Jesus Modeled a Life of Prayer

Jesus started and ended his day with prayer

1. Very early in the morning, Jesus would go to solitary places to pray
2. After a full day of ministry, Jesus would often withdraw to lonely places and spend the night in prayer
3. Everything Jesus did resulted from his intimacy with the Father. After spending intimate time with Abba

Father, he did things like walk on water and call the twelve to designate them as apostles

“This is the bottom line. The example of Jesus teaches us that God is looking for consecrated men and women who lead and serve from an intimate relationship with him.”

~Theo Burakeye

4. Prayer is the master key

1. The only thing the disciples ever asked Jesus to teach them was to pray. (Luke 11:1)
2. Prayer is the only thing the disciples of Jesus (out of deep hunger) asked Jesus to teach them
3. There were many things they could have asked:

- i. Teach us to feed 5,000
- ii. Teach us to heal the sick
- iii. Teach us to raise the dead
- iv. Teach us to turn water into wine
- v. Teach us to teach to the crowds

But they asked Jesus to teach them to pray. WHY?

- vi. Prayer is the foundation of all ministry

The most important prayer we can pray is: Lord, Teach us to pray. Luke 11:1

5. There are 3 important prayers for church planters

“Protection”

You are entering the enemy’s camp

“Direction”

Go where He wants you to go

“Revelation”

Speak of what you have heard from God

6. The Secret for a vibrant life of prayer is hungering after God

“Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled” ~Jesus

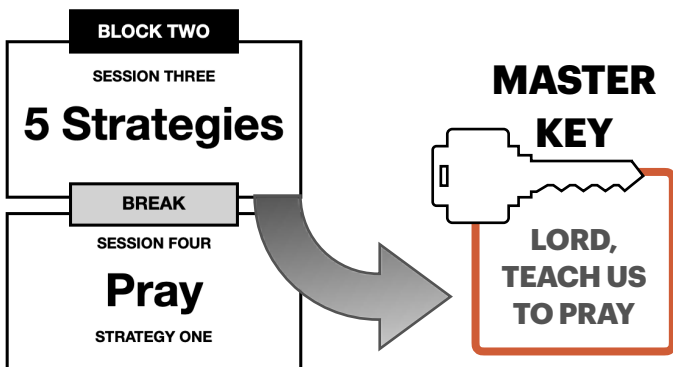
Here’s the important question, “How hungry are you?”

2) Activating Hunger for God

(At this time, instruct the participants to “Stand up in the Presence of God.” Set the atmosphere for prayer with reflective instrumental music. Briefly teach about a prayer posture for receiving.)

(Pray for the Lord to freshly fill the participants with His Holy Spirit. Pray for the Father to give a deep spiritual hunger and longing to the people. Pray for Jesus to activate this deep and lasting hunger for God.)

*(After the leader prays, invite the participants to begin praying for the Lord to make them hungry for Him. Give them the freedom to kneel, or stand, or walk around the room. Keep the instrumental music playing in the background. During prayer, it might be helpful to play a reflective song like “Touch Heaven”)
<https://youtube.com/watch?v=nxxr47zEUxE>*



The church planter learns that prayer is the key to unlock all doors in the kingdom. We pray as the Lord taught us to pray.

Wrap up of prayer time: Posture is an important part of praying

- i. When asking to receive a spiritual gift from our Father in Heaven
- ii. We hold our hands open: palms facing upward
- iii. We do this, because in faith, we believe the Lord will give us a good gift!
- iv. If you ask some one for \$5.00, and you believe they will give it to you, you will open your hand and stretch it out towards them
- v. We are opening our hands and lifting them to God now, because we believe the Lord is going to give us something right now
- vi. Jesus said “If even you know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your Father in Heaven give good gifts—his Holy Spirit, to those who ask him!”

BLOCK THREE

SESSION FIVE

Speak Out

STRATEGY TWO

SESSION FIVE

1) Worship

> Graves into Gardens (G)

2) Strategy 2: Speak Out

Session Five: Speak Out

(Begin this session by exalting the Name of Christ Jesus. Spend time in worship, praise, and adoration. Invite the Holy Spirit to come and fill the space. Welcome the Manifest Presence of Jesus.)

1) Strategy 2: Speak Out

“Has the LORD redeemed you? Then speak out!” (Psalm 107:2 NLT)

1. Church Planters are called to Speak Out

- i. 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
- ii. 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
- iii. Learning to speak out in various ways allows you to reach new social networks and plant churches among them

2. Why Speak Out?

- i. **Hell is real**
The reality of hell, and the seriousness of what the Bible says about hell, must drive us to plead with friends and family to accept Christ and receive salvation
- ii. **Speaking Out strengthens your faith**
Every time you share the gospel with others you are also sharing it with yourself. Sharing your faith is a reminder of how good God has been to you. The gospel tells us that we are loved, valued, adopted, freed, and forgiven in Christ. It does the heart good to remind ourselves that we don't have to work for God's approval because we are already fully accepted by God in Christ
- iii. **Speaking Out builds a Biblical church**
Churches that don't share Jesus die. The mission of the church is to make followers of Jesus and that starts with leading people to a relationship with Him. It's also evidence that a church is maturing in its faith when they make evangelism a priority. Jesus commanded us to make disciples (Matthew 28:19-20, Acts 1:8), so people who are growing in their faith share Jesus out of love and obedience to Him
- iv. **Speaking Out blesses the world around us**
Sharing your faith tells the world that you care about them. Evangelism is at its core compassionate because it seeks to rescue those who realize how broken and helpless they are apart from Jesus. People need Jesus. When you share Jesus with your neighbor or a co-worker or a student in class with you or a family member you are demonstrating your love for them. This is why we want to generously bless those around us in the way that we serve so that the message we speak is affirmed by the way that we live
- v. **Speaking Out pleases God**
Obeying God pleases God (1 Samuel 15:22, Heb 13:21)! God desires people to trust in Jesus (2 Peter 3:9), and when they do heaven throws epic parties (Luke 15)! So when you joyfully speak out - it brings great pleasure to Him. In the same way children desire to please their parents because they are loved by their parents, we also desire to please God because we are loved by God!
- vi. **The Bible commands us to Speak Out**
All throughout the New Testament we are commanded to speak out, starting with Jesus' command to His 12 disciples (Matthew 10) and then His 70 disciples (Luke 10). In Mark 16 He commanded us to go into all the world and preach the gospel. Speaking out is not optional for believer, it is an essential element to the Christian way of life

This is how the Word of God spreads

Acts 6:7

The word of God kept on spreading; and the number of the disciples continued to increase greatly in Jerusalem, and a great many of the priests were becoming obedient to the faith.

Acts 12:24

But the word of God continued to spread and flourish.

Acts 19:20

So the message about the Lord spread widely and had a powerful effect.

3. Two main reasons people don't speak out:

- i. They don't know WHO to speak to
- ii. They don't know what TO SAY
 - a. Reasons why people don't talk about their faith (Barna Research 2018) "I don't feel like I know enough to talk about religious or spiritual topics (#1)"
 - b. The problem of EXPERT culture...

4. Three ways the early church spoke about Jesus

- i. **Bear witness**
 - a. Tell your story of how God changed you and say that this experience has been truth for you (Luke 9:25).
 - b. The primary tool of evangelism is the testimony of the believer. "But since they could see the man who had been healed standing there with them, there was nothing they could say" (Acts 4:14)
- ii. **Tell Good News**
 - a. Give hope by telling people about grace, forgiveness, redemption, transformation and eternal life offered through Jesus Christ (Ro. 15:13; 1 Thes. 5:11; Eph. 4:29; Heb. 3:13)
Conversations Count: Words move people
Say a lot by saying a little: Sometime the best good news is a listening ear. What is the opposite of listening? The opposite of listening is not speaking.... The opposite of listening is waiting to speak
- iii. **Proclaim**
 - a. Proclaim the Scriptural Truths that Jesus lived, died, was resurrected, is now at work on earth through his Holy Spirit, will return to judge the earth and will reign in heaven through eternity (Acts 2; John 3:16; Luke 4:18-19)

5. Speak Out to everyone possible

- i. Enlist everybody you know to invite as many people as they can to this new church
- ii. One does not even have to be a follower of Christ to invite people to a new church.
- iii. Some people that you meet for the first time will provide access to their social network in a short amount of time
- iv. The 5 Fingers Reminder: Thumb - people close to me; Index Finger - people in my network; Middle Finger - even my enemies; Ring Finger - people who are weak or struggling; Pinky Finger - people falling short in life

6. Especially Speak Out to Acquaintances

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

7. Persons of Peace

- i. Luke 10 teaches that persons of peace are important persons in the spread of the Gospel
- ii. Persons of peace are leaders of social networks (ethne) who:
 - a. Are prepared by God to hear and respond to the Gospel
 - b. Have influence over members of that social network
 - c. Will be drawn to the planter/worker and will show favor to them
- iii. "When you enter a house, first say, 'Peace to this house.' If someone who promotes peace is there, your peace will rest on them; if not, it will return to you. Stay there, eating and drinking whatever they give you, for the worker deserves his wages. Do not move around from house to house. (Luke 10:5-7)
 - a. Central to the teaching is that the disciples were to go out and seek out some worthy person in a deserving home (also Mt 10:11, 13) who would facilitate the spread of the Good News amongst the unreached. When they found their person of peace, they would bless the home and occupants with the peace of God

b. One example is the woman at the well (John 4). There was a: Spiritual awakening, Receptivity (Hospitable), Reputation (People knew her), Referral (She introduced them to Jesus)

A person of Peace is:

Receptive
Reputation
Referral

Another example is found in Luke 19.

Zacchaeus was looking for Jesus

There was a man there named Zacchaeus. He was the chief tax collector in the region, and he had become very rich. He tried to get a look at Jesus, but he was too short to see over the crowd. So he ran ahead and climbed a sycamore-fig tree beside the road, for Jesus was going to pass that way. (Lk 19:1-4)

Jesus was looking for Zacchaeus

When Jesus came by, he looked up at Zacchaeus and called him by name. "Zacchaeus!" he said. "Quick, come down! I must be a guest in your home today." (Lk 19:5)

Jesus sends us to find people of peace whom God has prepared

They are looking for us. We must look for them. We are bound to find each other.

1. A person of peace is someone who, even though they may or may not be a believer, is receptive to you and the message.
2. They are people the Spirit of God has been preparing for a strategic role in the expansion of the Kingdom of God.

*Add personal illustration of finding a person of peace

WHO Is qualified to Speak Out?

Everybody: God doesn't call the qualified, He qualifies the called.

When they saw the courage of Peter and John and realized that they were unschooled, ordinary men, they were astonished and they took note that these men had been with Jesus (Acts 4:13)

You don't need to be an expert. You only need to be with Jesus.

*Add personal illustration of a 'unschooled, ordinary' believer speaking out.

Speaking Out is the 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)

A "witness" is a person who Speaks Out (gives testimony) to what God has done

And this is the testimony: God has given us eternal life, and this life is in his Son (1 John 5:11)

"Has the LORD redeemed you? Then speak out!" (Psalm 107:2)

PRAY: Deposit the gift of speaking out in us.

(Break)

BLOCK THREE

SESSION SIX

Gather

STRATEGY THREE

SESSION SIX

1) Strategy 3: Gather

2) My 3:1:4:1 [MOMENT #3]

3) Pray over plans

> Moment 3 Response: Background Music

> Lord I Need You (G)

Session Six: Gather

1) Strategy 3: Gather

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1. A shepherd is proved by gathering sheep.

1. If I claim to be a shepherd, but I haven't gathered any sheep. If I'm not caring for a flock. Then I am not really a shepherd

2. It's like fishing. I can go out and by the best fishing pole and finest tackle. I can go buy a fishing license. I can by special gear, boots, a fishing vest, a net. I can even get a boat and take it out on the water! But if I never actually go fishing and never actually catch fish, am I really a fisherman? Of course not!

3. In the same way, a shepherd is only a shepherd—a pastor is only a pastor, if they gather sheep

2. Churches are called to gather on earth “as it is in heaven”

1. Rich and poor, white—black—asian, red and blue

2. We gather on earth as it is in heaven

3. Illustration: South Africa had a long of apartheid. On one occasion, shortly after apartheid had ended, a community gathering was held at local church. The mayor of that community happened to be a black man. He stood up to address the crowd and said, “If I go to heaven, and I see a white man, I'll turn around and walk straight out.” The crowd was stunned. As the mayor took his seat, one of the pastors, who happened to be a white man, took the podium. He said, “Good sir, if you walk out of heaven, where do you think you will go? You'll go to hell. And I can promise you, it's filled with white people!” (story told by Theo Burakeye, longtime resident of Johannesburg, South Africa)

4. The local church is called to gather on earth, as it is in heaven—In unity and love. Gathering requires the skill of great love

5. The greatest joy of the local church gathering, is experiencing the Presence of the Lord in community

3. Discipleship is done well as we Gather

1. Consider the law of reaping and sowing

2. “You reap what you sow”

3. So if you sow nothing, what do you reap? Nothing?

4. No! If you sow nothing, you reap weeds!!!

5. The Gathering is where “weeding” is done

6. Fellow believers and mentors in the faith gracefully help one another root out sin and build up faith in each other's lives

7. This is a delicate task, where the Word of God “landscapes” our lives.

Illustration: In the villages of Congo, the mothers would go out into the garden everyday to pull weeds so crops could grow healthy and strong. They would go out in elaborate gowns. Yet with great skill and care, the mother would bundle her flowing gown in one arm, and gently root out the weeds with the other so as not to harm the tender sprouts. In the same way, believers gently, lovingly, carefully, tenderly root out the weeds of sin from one another through applying the Word of God in community. (Story told by Theo Burakeye, reflecting on his own mother and childhood in a Congolese village)

4. New Testament community is best expressed by the greek word, “Koinonia”

1. Community = “common” + “unity

- i. Church planting is ultimately about expanding healthy biblical community
- ii. Church planting is about extending the community of Jesus, not just privately, but communally as

well

2. New Testament community is best defined by the Greek word “Koinonia”

- i. Koinonia appears 19 times in the Greek New Testament
- ii. The New American Standard Bible translates Koinonia
 - a. 12 times as “fellowship”
 - b. 3 times as “sharing”
 - c. 2 times as “participation”
 - d. 2 times as “contribution”
- iii. Koinonia is conveyed by words like community, communion, joint participation, sharing, and
- iv. In some contexts, Koinonia refers to a jointly contributed gift

intimacy

3. The word “Koinonia” first appears in Acts chapter 2

- i. The observable actions of Koinonia in Acts 2 are a devotion to:
 - a. The Word
 - b. Fellowship
 - c. Breaking Bread
 - d. Prayer
 - e. Meeting regularly in each other’s homes
 - f. Holding everything in common
 - g. Selling possessions and giving to the needy
 - h. Meeting regularly in the Temple
 - i. Praising god
- ii. The observable effects of Koinonia in Acts 2 are:
 - a. Many wonders and miraculous signs
 - b. People filled with awe
 - c. Gladness
 - d. Sincere hearts
 - e. Enjoying favor from all people
 - f. The Lord adding to their number daily those who were being saved

4. The importance of Community and Relationships are found in Genesis

- i. God said, “It is not good for man to be alone”
- ii. We need community to be fully human
- iii. Adam was lonely because he was made for relationship; Not only with God and with creation, but
- iv. We cannot be what God meant us to be unless we are living in community
- v. Therefore, all people everywhere need the local church

with other human beings

5. Disciple Making Movements must lead to church multiplication movements, because all people everywhere need a local church

6. Quality community will in and of itself attract unbelievers into the Kingdom

- i. The more we build community, the greater will be the numbers the Lord adds to us daily
- ii. Church planters must be community builders

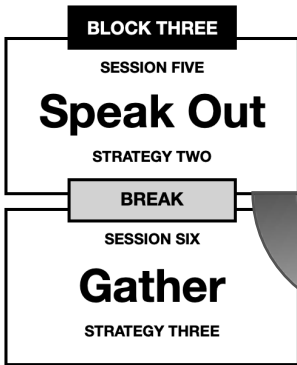
7. Ubuntu

- i. Ubuntu is a Zulu word that is the best word to capture N.T. Koinonia
- ii. Ubuntu means there is no “I” without “we”
- iii. Ubuntu means your success is my success. Your failure is my failure
- iv. Ubuntu means your joy is my joy and your struggle is my struggle

3) My 3:1:4:1 Workshop

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(At this point, refer participants to the MY 3:1:4:1 document in their books or distribute printed copies. Explain the sections one by one, and model how to fill out the form by giving an example. Allow participants some time to prayerfully fill out the My 3:1:4:1, making their plans to begin starting their church plant.)



3:1:4:1

The church planter makes a plan for gathering the church in three months. The plan is activated with a declaration of their first step. We commit the plans to the Lord.

(After everyone has completed their plans, invite several people to share with the group what they wrote. If more people want to share, do not stop them. This is a powerful time to allow the participants to testify publicly about the plans the Holy Spirit is laying on their hearts.)

(When everyone has had the opportunity to share, enter into a time of response. Play reflective instrumental music in the background. Instruct the participants to begin praying over their plans, surrendering them to the Lord and asking for His blessing. Invite to the participants to lay their plans [My 3:1:4:1 document or book page] at the altar or foot of the cross if you have one. Give them the freedom to kneel or bow before the Lord as they lay their plans at His feet. Begin to minister and pray over each person and their plans individually. When you've prayed over everyone and sense the room is ready to move on, end by praying corporately over everyone and the plans as a whole.)

(Close the session with praise and worship. Sing a song of response and surrender together.)

(Break)

BLOCK FOUR

SESSION SEVEN

Obey

STRATEGY FOUR

SESSION SEVEN

1) Worship

> [The Goodness of God \(D\)](#)

2) Devotions / Testimonies

3) Strategy 4: Obey

4) Review the Mentorship Process

Session Seven: Obey

(Begin this session by exalting the Name of Christ Jesus. Spend time in worship, praise, and adoration. Invite the Holy Spirit to come and fill the space. Welcome the Manifest Presence of Jesus.)

(After worship, invite participants to share testimonies of what God has said and done for them during Encounter.)

1) Strategy 4: Obey

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Begin this session by reading Matthew 28:16-20 (The Great Commission) with specific emphasis on verse 20, "and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you."

The two words, "to obey" make a big difference in this passage.

Jesus did not commission us to merely teach everything he commanded.

Instead, he commissioned us to teach them to obey everything he commanded.

Illustrate with a story that highlights the difference between knowledge and obedience.

1. What is Discovery Bible Study (DBS)?

i. DBS is a simple yet effective method for helping people become obedient disciples of Jesus (Matthew 28:18-20)

a. It is a way for groups to read and discuss the Bible using four strategic questions to discover God and His guidance for our daily lives.

b. In DBS, no one is responsible for teaching – the group is simply reading, listening to, and discussing the Scripture together, trusting God's Spirit to be their teacher and to reveal the truth of God's Word through the discussion (John 14:15-17)

ii. The focus of DBS is discipleship

a. It's not just gaining knowledge, but actually practicing the teachings of Jesus

b. DBS is dependent upon the Holy Spirit speaking to people through the Word of God to shape people into obedient disciples of Jesus

c. DBS is intended for both believers and those who are not yet believers. The Holy Spirit is working in the life of every participant to shape us into more obedient disciples of Jesus!

2. How to host and facilitate a DBS as a peer

i. The leader of the DBS is a host and facilitator – not a teacher

a. Resist the urge to explain the Bible to participants, or to tell them what they should do to obey his Word

b. Instead, participate as a fellow disciple – one who is also seeking to hear from the Holy Spirit how to become a more obedient follower of Jesus

ii. Allow the group to process out loud what the Holy Spirit is saying and trust the Holy Spirit to reveal his Truth

a. Instead of teaching, focus on helping everyone feel welcome (hosting)

b. Help the discussion flow freely between participants (facilitating)

3. DBS uses the "Three-Thirds" method: Look Back; Look Up; Look Forward

i. Look Back

a. This segment is to check-in with each other since your last meeting

b. Ask: "How are you today? How has your week been?"

c. Ask: "How did you do with your "I will" statements?"

- ii. Look Up
 - a. This segment is to read, re-tell, listen to, and discuss the Bible passage together
 - b. PRAY – One participant prays, welcoming the Spirit of God among you, and ask Him to reveal His Truth to your group through God’s Word
 - c. READ – 2 people read through the Bible passage aloud
 - d. RE-TELL – 2 people take turns re-telling the passage like a story. They summarize it in their own words
 - e. DISCUSS – the group discusses the passage using the following four questions:
 - 1- What do these verses say about God?
 - 2- What do these verses say about people?
 - 3- What should people start doing?
 - 4- What should people stop doing?
- iii. Look Forward: This segment is to foster active obedience to Jesus
 - a. Invite the group to pause and pray silently to hear from God about their "I will" statements.
 - b. Have everyone make and record two "I will" statements:
 - 1. “This week, I will start/stop _____.”
 - 2. “This week, I will reach out to _____.”

(At this point, lead the group in an interactive way through the Look Up portion of a Discovery Bible Study. Any passage of Scripture (do not exceed 12 verses) will work. For example, you could use Acts 3:1-10)

2) Review the Mentorship Process

Our 3x3 +Mentorship Process will help you succeed in planting churches. It includes 3 Months, 3 Milestones, 3 Years, + ongoing Mentorship.

3 Months

- i. You immediately join the CDN Community of Practice
- ii. CDN mentorship and coaching
- iii. Goal: Gather your church in 3 months

3 Milestones

- i. M1: Church Conceived in Heaven
- ii. M2: Church Gathered on Earth
- iii. M3: Church Planter Sent out

3 Years

- i. Flywheel Principle
- ii. Encounter Weekend Every 6 Months
- iii. Repeat as new M1’s has reaches M3

2. Pay it Forward

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- i. Join the CDN Facebook group right now
- ii. Join the CDN Prayer Team
- iii. Receive the Offering: Giving Online ChurchDevelopment.network/give

BLOCK FOUR

SESSION EIGHT

Send Out

STRATEGY FIVE

COMMUNION & COMMISSIONING

SESSION EIGHT		
	1) Strategy 5: Send Out	T2
	2) Multiply (elephants & rabbits)	T2
	3) Barrier Workshop [MOMENT #4]	T1
	> Moment 4 Response: Background Music	
	> Our God Is Greater (G)	
	4) Commission	Host
	> Revelation Song (D)	

Session Eight: Send Out

1) Strategy 5: Send Out

There's an old saying: "You can count the seeds in an apple...but you can't count the apples in the seed."

1. The Harvest of the Kingdom of God is meant to multiply

i. In the parable of the sower, Jesus said "Still other seed fell on good soil. It came up and yielded a crop, a hundred times more than was sown... But the seed on good soil stands for those with a noble heart and good heart, who hear the word, retain it, and by persevering produce a crop (Luke 8:8,15)

ii. Jesus said "I tell you the truth unless a kernel of wheat falls to the ground and dies, it remains a single seed. But if it dies, it produces many seeds (Jn 12:24)

2. In the Church Development Network, we work to see 3 areas of multiplication:

- i. Disciples multiplying disciples
- ii. Pastors multiplying pastors
- iii. Churches multiplying churches

3. Kingdom Multiplication follows the "222" principle of 2 Timothy 2:2

i. Paul said "The things you have heard me say in the presence of many witnesses entrust to reliable people who are able to train others" (2 Tim 2:2)

- ii. 4 Generations of multiplication are found in this verse
 - a. Gen 1: Paul, who told...
 - b. Gen 2: Timothy in the presence of many witnesses to find...
 - c. Gen 3: Reliable people who were capable of...
 - d. Gen 4: Training others

4. Churches Exist to Plant Churches

- i. Church Planting is the best methodology under heaven to fulfil the Great Commission
 - a. Church planting embraces both focused evangelism and long-term discipleship within the growing local community of the Body of Christ
 - b. The local church is pregnant with potential. The small seed (new church plant) will grow and multiply and can increasingly meet every physical, spiritual, emotional need of a local community. (Example of church plants in African villages, soon leading to clean water wells, orphanages, schools, hospitals, etc...)
- ii. Multiplication is inherent in the DNA of all churches
 - a. DNA is fully present at conception (milestone 1 = a church conceived in heaven. At conception, the church is already pregnant with the potential to meet community needs and multiply—giving birth to daughter churches)
 - b. If humanity stopped procreating, the human race would become extinct—dying out with the last generation that was born
 - c. Similarly, if churches don't have daughter churches, the Church will decline

5. Multiplication is woven into the fabric of creation. Consider Genesis:

i. The LORD commands humanity to be fruitful and multiply and fill the earth (Gen 1:27-28). This is the first command of the LORD in the Bible for people

- ii. We do not give birth in our own strength. The LORD helps us (Gen 2:18)
- iii. In a sinful world, reproduction is a laborious, even painful work (Gen 3:16)
- iv. Reproduction is a gift and grace from the LORD (Gen 4:1)
- v. We reproduce in our own likeness (Gen 5:1-3)

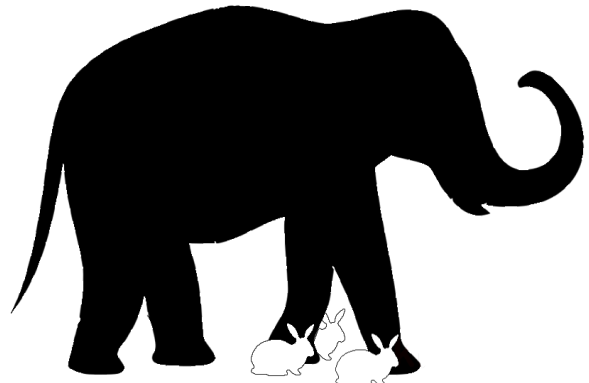
6. Multiplication requires bold prayer

- i. Rachel prayed
 - a. Rachel was barren
 - b. She was unable in her own strength to obey the first command to “be fruitful and multiply”
 - c. However, she refused to accept her inability to reproduce
 - d. She knew God had created her to reproduce, so she did not stop praying until God answered her prayer: “Give me children, or I die!” (Gen. 30:1)
 - e. The LORD heard her cries and answered her prayer. He opened her womb and she gave birth to Joseph and later Benjamin
- ii. Then consider Hannah
 - a. She was barren and desperate for a child
 - b. She went to the Tabernacle and pray so intensely that though she mouthed words, no sound came out. Even the priest thought she was drunk. He was a wicked priest
 - c. Hannah said, “I’m not drunk. I desperately need the Lord to give me a child”
 - d. Eli was so moved by her passion the even he, a wicked priest, said, “May the Lord grant your request”
 - e. Are you praying like Hannah prayed?
- iii. John Knox prayed
 - a. Scotland was in a state of disarray
 - b. John Know, the revivalist began to pray like Rachel: “Give me Scotland, or I die!”
 - c. The Lord answered his prayer and Scotland experienced great revival and Kingdom multiplication
- iv. Will you share their cries? Will you pray like they did? Will you pray “LORD! Make us fruitful and let us multiply!”
- v. Illustration of saturation church planting in Kenya (see Powerpoint slides)

7. The Difference Between Elephant and Rabbit Churches

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- i. Elephants are BIG
 - a. They are powerful
 - b. They move slowly
 - c. They reproduce slowly
- ii. Rabbits are SMALL
 - a. They don’t have the power of an elephant
 - b. They are quick
 - c. They eat everything in their path
 - d. They reproduce rapidly
- iii. Elephants are fertile once every 4 months
 - a. They have 1 baby at a time
 - b. The pregnancy lasts 22 months
 - c. The baby takes 18 years to reach biological maturity (able to reproduce)
- iv. Rabbits are continuously fertile and able to conceive
 - a. They have an average of 7 babies at a time
 - b. The pregnancy lasts 1 month
 - c. The babies take only 4 months to reach biological maturity and be able to reproduce
- v. In three years, a family of Elephants can grow from 2, to 3 (mother & father, plus one daughter)
- vi. In three years, a family of Rabbits can grow from 2, to... **476 Million**



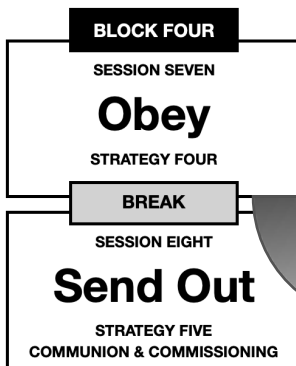
(Training Center Demo: At this time, draw out and explain the Training Center model on a white board, or on a PowerPoint.)

2) Barriers Workshop

(At this point, begin the Barriers Workshop. Using a White Board, as the participants the following questions: (1) What are the barriers to church planting? (2) What is keeping you from getting started right away? (3) What do you see as your significant challenges? As the group begins to brainstorm, write out the answers on the White Board)

(After brainstorming and writing down the obstacles, barriers, and challenges to church planting, divide the participants into smaller groups of 3 or 4. Enter into a time of prayer to ask Jesus for victory in overcoming these obstacles. Play reflective, instrumental music in the background to set the atmosphere.)

(When you sense the room is finished praying, flow into a song of response like Revelation Song to worship Jesus and prepare for communion and communion.)



The church planter makes a list of the barriers that threaten the work. We pray for God to throw the mountain into the sea (Mt. 21:21).

3) Commission

(When the prayer and song of response is completed, invite the participants forward, one by one, to be anointed with oil upon the head, prayed over, and consecrated for the work of church planting. Bless each one in the Name of Jesus to fulfill the Great Commission and make disciples of all nations.)

(Continue in worship)

(When the worship and response time is finished, stand before the people, stretch out your hands toward them, and Bless them with this Commission:

“Our Lord Jesus said, ‘As the Father has sent me, I am sending you. Receive the Holy Spirit.’ Gather His sheep. Go, and make disciples of all nations, in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.”)

(END)

SEND WORKERS INTO THE HARVEST FIELD

CDN SKILLS CALL

THE CDN SKILLS CALL HAS THREE MAIN PARTS

Vision: 10 minutes

Review one or more of the principles from pages 3-5

Celebration: 20 minutes

Share stories and celebrate with those who reach one of the 3 milestones.

Training: 30 minutes

Discuss a lesson from the list below.

SKILL ONE

Recruit potential church planter (Jumpstart), pages 10 - 13

SKILL TWO

Facilitate Encounter, pages 14-15

SKILL THREE

Manifest Presence, page 16

SKILL FOUR

Moments, page 17

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Mentor & coach, pages 18-21

SKILL SIX

Gathered Church, pages 24-25

Supplemental material for each lesson located in the appendix

Additional resources located at:

churchdevelopment.network/cdncentral

CHURCH PLANTER TRAINER

The role of the trainer is recruit potential church planters, facilitate Encounters, and mentor called church planters. Trainers do so through the rhythm of the multiplication flywheel.



Recruit potential church planters



Facilitate Encounters



Mentor called church planters