

Foundations for Church Planting

Course Guide

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WELCOME!

By taking this course you will not only be learning new information and skills. You will be equipping and empowering yourself with the proper tools to expand the Kingdom of God.

At mosaiXmultiply we believe that creating intercultural church communities in & through God's children, people of all nationalities can be saved. We are committed to create every single course with this goal in mind.

We aim to:

- Raise up, train, and mobilize men and women to plant mosaic gospel communities.
- Encourage monocultural churches to become mosaics of nations and cultures in intercultural reconciliation.
- Help local church members realize their church's vision by starting intercultural discipleship groups within their church, thereby creating the dynamic of mission and multiplication.

It is a joy and an honor to partner with you as you seek His guidance to grow in the confidence to expand His Kingdom.

Have a blessed Journey!

Joel Lutz & the mosaiXmultiply Team

INTRODUCTION

This course will provide to you the tools needed to begin your journey on planting churches that have a multiplication mindset.

The main tools that you will gain are:

- The Definition of church planting
- 10 Reasons for planting churches
- The DNA values of a healthy church plant
- Characteristics of a church planter
- Foundational issues faced when planting a church
- Knowing your vision
- Putting together a philosophy of ministry.

The Goal of this Course is to provide you with the foundational understanding of the role of church planting in God's expanding kingdom, of the character and spiritual gift-mix of a church planter, and of the basic make-up of a church plant (the DNA), so that you can formulate and clearly articulate the purpose and parameters of the church you wish to plant.

After taking this course it is my prayer that you be equipped and encouraged to take steps of faith to begin your journey with the Holy Spirit. May you grow in faith as you walk with Him in not only learning theoretically, but also practically.

Be Blessed!

Stephen Beck PhD

INSTRUCTOR



STEPHEN BECK PhD

Stephen is a career church planter and church planting instructor. He has served with the Redeemer Church Planting network in Canada, more recently with Greater Europe Mission in Germany. He is considered one of the "cutting edge" Greater Europe Missionaries in this regard. He is Professor of Practical Theology at Freie Theologische Hochschule in Giessen, Germany. He has also been guest lecturer at a number of institutions on the European continent. He is married to Susan and they have four children. In 2011 Stephen and Susan embarked on yet another journey: together with 25 college students they planted a multi-everything church for the Frankfurt metro region. Through the refugee wave that came over Germany, this church multiplied to 15 congregations in 6 years.

GOALS

The course is broken down into twenty specific sessions. Each session will include a video lecture, course guide, and in some cases short assignments to help you grow. We encourage you to not only do this course on your own time, but with others who share the same passion to expand God's Kingdom.

SESSION OVERVIEW

01 What is Church Planting 02 Why Plant Churches

03 Character & Characteristics Part 1 04 Character & Characteristics Part 2

05 Types of Church Planters 06 Developing Faith

07 Multiethnic Partners 08 Failure

09 Self-Assessment 10 Your Church's DNA

11 Gospel Driven 12 Missional

13 Mono/Multicultural 14 Multiplicational

15 Contextualized 16 Prayerful

17 Catholic/Cross Denominational 18 Intentional

19 Roots of Your Church plant 20 Vision