

SESSION
12
MISSIONAL



INSTRUCTOR



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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

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| 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 |

Session Summary

In this session Stephen will discuss the second DNA factor of being missional. He will describe the missional church as being a local community of people who profess faith in and obedience to Jesus as Lord, who are led and pastored by elders, who gather to worship the Lord, hear God's word, partake of holy communion, who build each other up in their Christian faith and walk in the world, and who bring unbelievers into the community and to faith in Jesus.



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COUSE GUIDE - Fill in the Blank

1. The _____ church shows up in the public only when it wants to speak out against something in society.
2. The _____ church does not show up publicly at all as they want to be a church that builds each other up, while the world around them is irrelevant.

3. The _____ church becomes the voice of the world to the world. They make the agenda of the world their agenda, and they become no different than the world.
4. The _____ church goes into the world and remains unstained by the world, like Jesus.
5. A missional church is one that _____ with God to seek and save those that are lost.
6. Mission is not a church _____, a _____ line item, or a group of people who go out to a distant _____.
7. _____ follower of Jesus is to continue the mission of God.
8. As a church we have an _____ looking face.
9. Every _____ in the church is going to be able to answer the question how to pave the way for the non-believer and believer to come into the presence of God.
10. Most questions we get from people are about a question of their _____.

REFLECTION QUESTIONS

Missional Church: A local community of people who profess faith in and obedience to Jesus as Lord, who are led and pastored by elders, who gather to worship the Lord, hear God's word, partake of holy communion, who build each other up in their Christian faith and walk in the world, and who bring unbelievers into the community and to faith in Jesus.

1. What does Matthew 9:35-36 say about how Jesus was missional and why is compassion so important?
2. If you are gospel-driven and missional, how can you always think of and for the non-Christians around us? How would you answer the questions, like Chris, that are being asked by them? How can you know their context to make a path to Jesus?

PUTTING IT IN ACTION

1. Spend some time in the next week writing down practical ways that you can participate in the restoration of fallen creation in the community around you by focusing on their contextualized needs.

2. Prayerfully seek the guidance of the Holy Spirit every morning and ask Him directly to give you specific ideas how to do this.