



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

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 Planters 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 fifth DNA factor of being contextualized. He will begin with discussing the concern arose in missions, that missionaries were not only communicating the gospel, but also carrying over the forms of communicating the gospel that worked in their home context into the new context. He then will give biblical tools to help your church fit culturally into the context in which the church is being planted.



Session 15: Contextualized

COUSE GUIDE - Fill in the Blank

1.	If you want to plant a quality church, then it needs to be
2.	Contextualization is a matter of creating a church that fits in the in which the church is being planted.
	being planted.
3.	What works in one, will not necessarily work in another
4.	Paul explains in the book of Acts, the gospel to the Jews and Greeks, because he knew they had a different world view.
5.	The best illustration of contextualization is God and the
6.	Culture is created by
7.	Every culture has aspects that the people of God can and aspects that the people of God should
8.	Contextualization crosses over into and evangelism.
9.	Biblical contextualization is contextualization.
10	. Everything that makes up the culture, you help the people to analyze it and rebuild it into something that God,
	and something that mirrors theof God.

REFLECTION QUESTIONS

Contextualization: The church as the people of God is called to redeem all cultures. If 'Missional' means you think for the unbelievers, and Mono/multicultural means the monos think for the multis, then 'Contextualized' means you think for the culture in which you are planting your church.

1. What are the three key biblical aspects that we need to observe to contextualize well that Dr. Stephen quotes from Tim Keller?

2. What are the questions that you should be asking?

PUTTING IT IN ACTION

1. Spend some time with the Lord, looking at the contextualized cultural characteristics in and around the community in which you are planting a church. Write down ways in which you can apply the three contextual aspects discussed in this session.

2. Spend your daily prayer time, asking the Holy Spirit to guide you in the things you have written.