



SESSION

17

CATHOLIC/

CROSS DENOMINATIONAL

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 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 seventh DNA factor of being Catholic. He will explain the meaning of Catholic and how the focused is on the universal body of Christ. He will share how denominations are good but will also describe a problem when we make our conformity to a denomination and our version of theological accuracy the boundary of our mission.



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COUSE GUIDE - Fill in the Blank

1. We are called to be _____ denominational in our church planting.
2. Denominations are a _____ creation.
3. For leadership, organization, accountability, help and protection, look to your _____.
4. For multiplication and expansion of God's kingdom, look _____ your denomination to partnering with other evangelical denominations
5. Different types of denominations are needed to reach all the different types of _____ in the world.
6. The _____ of God is the one and only thing that can unite us despite our denominational differences.
7. Our unity of the body of Christ, cross denominationally, partnering with each other is a _____ to the world of His Power.
8. What really matters is not which denomination looks best, but that _____ looks best regardless of denomination.
9. At the end of that glorious day, God will _____ sort us out by the denominations.
10. He will put crowns on our heads for _____ in His mission to reach people from every tongue tribe and nation.

REFLECTION QUESTIONS

“Catholic” = universal = the global church = cross-denominational

1. How do we do mission cross-denominationally?
2. What are specific things that you should look to your denomination for?
3. What are the specific things that you should look beyond your denomination for?