

SESSION 19 ROOTS OF YOUR CHURCH PLANT

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 importance of strong and healthy roots and describes the results they bring to your church plant. He will also share examples of unhealthy roots and the dangers they bring to your church plant.



Session 19: Roots of your Church Plant

COUSE GUIDE - Fill in the Blank

- 1. You want the roots to go very ______ so that after you leave your church plant, it will ______ to something more.
- 2. Your roots should not bring ______to a negative church experience.
- **3.** Every church plant should be born out of ______ desires and not out of a reactionary spirit.
- **4.** Finances are important but should not ______ the direction of the church.

5. People are wonderful, but all people ______.

- 6. No one is as committed to your church plant as ______ are.
- 7. We need to get used to the idea that a lot of people, who at the beginning enthusiastically embrace your church plant, will eventually
- 8. _____ with people are critical to healthy Roots.
- 9. _____ is affirmed not only by the people we attract, but also by the people who leave.
- 10. Make the ______ of your church plant your Vision!

REFLECTION QUESTIONS

1. What are the three types of <u>un-healthy</u> roots?

2. What are the dangers that each one of these bring?