



SESSION  
02  
WHY PLANT  
CHURCHES?

## **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

03 Character & Characteristics Part 1

05 Types of Church Planters

07 Multiethnic Partners

09 Self-Assessment

11 Gospel Driven

13 Mono/Multicultural

15 Contextualized

17 Catholic/Cross Denominational

19 Roots of Your Church plant

**02 Why Plant Churches**

04 Character & Characteristics Part 2

06 Developing Faith

08 Failure

10 Your Church's DNA

12 Missional

14 Multiplicational

16 Prayerful

18 Intentional

20 Vision

## **Session Summary**

Church planting is working with God by gathering people from every tongue, tribe and nation into a discipleship community in which and through which people can become disciples of Jesus and can grow into spiritual maturity.



## Session 2: Why Plant Churches?

### COUSE GUIDE - Fill in the Blank

1. Church Planting is joining \_\_\_\_\_ and participating with \_\_\_\_\_ in His mission to reach the not yet reached.
2. If we do not plant many new churches, we will have no more churches in \_\_\_\_\_ years. Churches are born and they also die.
3. Church planting is the most effective form of \_\_\_\_\_.
4. Church Plants are better position to reach \_\_\_\_\_ people.
5. Church plants need to be able to \_\_\_\_\_ the context of the culture in which they are being established to fit the \_\_\_\_\_ we are trying to reach.
6. The world is \_\_\_\_\_ so fast that we need church plants that can change in their style with the \_\_\_\_\_ world.
7. God gives different \_\_\_\_\_ mixes to different people.
8. New churches help \_\_\_\_\_ survive and grow.
9. Church plants bring \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ to the established church.
10. Existing churches cannot reach all \_\_\_\_\_ people in any given place.

## REFLECTION QUESTIONS

1. Identify one of the 10 reasons why we plant churches and explain in your own words how that specific reason equips you with the strength and motivation to plant churches.
  
2. What are the needs of your specific cultural context situation, and how can you adapt to meet these needs?
  
3. What are the specific needs in your community for the establishment of a new Christian Community/Church?

PUT IT IN ACTION!

1. Spend some time in prayer with the Lord asking Him to reveal to you the specific motivation that you have leading you to want to plant a Christian Community. Is God calling you? Write it down!

2. Commit to praying about these motivations over the next week.