



SESSION

03

Character &
Characteristics of a
Church Planter (part 1)

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

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. In this session you will learn about the types of gift-mix and personalities of a church planter have, and how those



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COUSE GUIDE - Fill in the Blank

1. The way God worked in the first century to expand His Kingdom was to give certain _____ gifts to his workers. (1 Corinthians 3:6)
2. The mindset of a church planter is like that of a _____. One who wants to give _____ to a Community of Disciples.
3. The spiritual functions that Paul writes to the Ephesian people are _____, _____, _____, and _____. (Ephesians 4:11)
4. The church planter is a combination of apostle _____.
5. _____ is a kind of missionary-evangelist who gathers unsaved to Christ and into a community of disciples and disciple makers.
6. A _____ is a person (synonymous with an “elder”) who equips the existing church members to **(Eph. 4: 12-16)** build each other up into the maturity of Jesus Christ.
7. A church planter is a _____ leader who shifts the people from on paradigm to another.
8. The pastor teacher works most naturally with an _____ looking focus.
9. Both the church planter and the pastor teacher need to have _____ skills.

PUT IT IN ACTION!

1. Spend some time in prayer with the Lord reflecting on the list of spiritual gifts you created from Session 1? How are these gifts aligned with the Church Planter? How are these gifts aligned with the Pastor Shephard?