



SESSION

04

Character &
Characteristics of a
Church Planter (part 2)

INSTRUCTOR



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GOALS

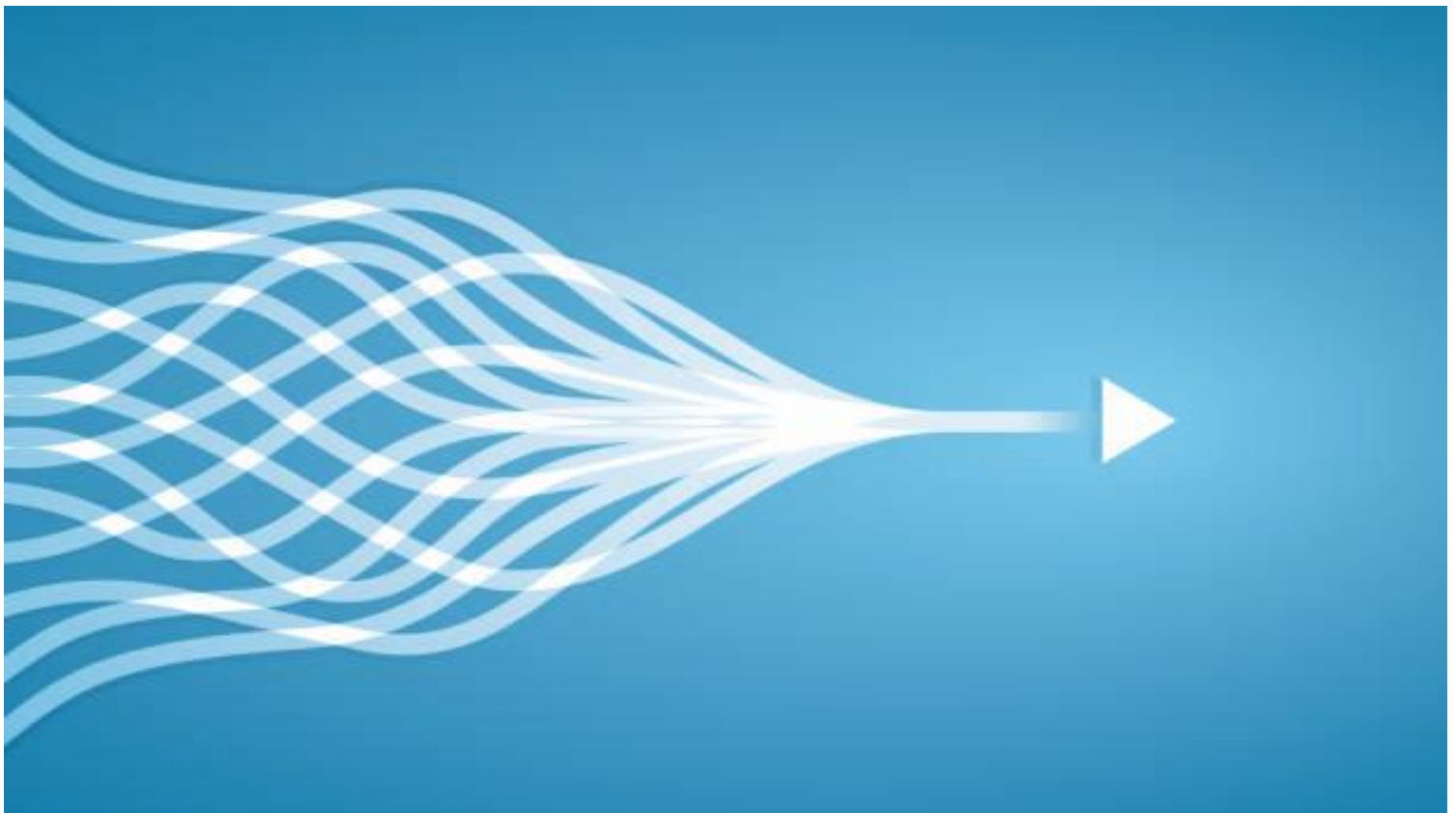
The course is broken down into twenty specific sessions. Each session will include a video lecture, course guide, and in some cases short assignments to help you grow. We encourage you to not only do this course on your own time, but with others who share the same passion to expand God's Kingdom.

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

In this session you will continue to learn about the types of gift-mix and personalities of a church planter have, and how those compare to the gift-mix and personalities of a pastor of an established church. You will learn how to develop your specific gifts and begin to put together a plan to move forward in the initial stages of your church planting.



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COUSE GUIDE - Fill in the Blank

1. Do not plant a church until you want to _____ and are able to _____.
2. As a church planter, you need to spend _____ of your ministry time out amongst non-Christians, doing apostolic and evangelistic work and networking.
3. _____ and _____ people are drawn to new church plants.
4. You need to write down what the _____, _____ and core _____ of your church plant at the beginning.
5. You need to _____ within your community to identify where are the Christian counsellors and resources are that can help.
6. You need to take with you who is gifted as a _____.
7. You need to have allot of _____ to confront individuals who do not fit.
8. Your church plant is fragile, like a new-born _____.
9. If you are gifted to do Pastoral Work to lead a congregation to greater maturity and do not have the gifts to be an _____ evangelist, then do not try to plant a church!
10. If you are gifted to get out there and meet people and gather them to Christ, then _____ church planting!

REFLECTION QUESTIONS

1. Why is it important to spend time out in the harvest with people that do not know who Jesus is?
2. What are the dangers to you and your family if you are not called to become a church planter?

PUT IT IN ACTION!

1. Put your philosophy of ministry in writing.
2. Begin to Network as much as you can!! List some practical ways how you can begin to Network and how you can intentionally spend time out in the harvest.
3. Commit to pray over your philosophy of ministry and networking over the next week.