



SESSION

09

SELF-ASSESSMENT

## **INSTRUCTOR**



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## **GOALS**

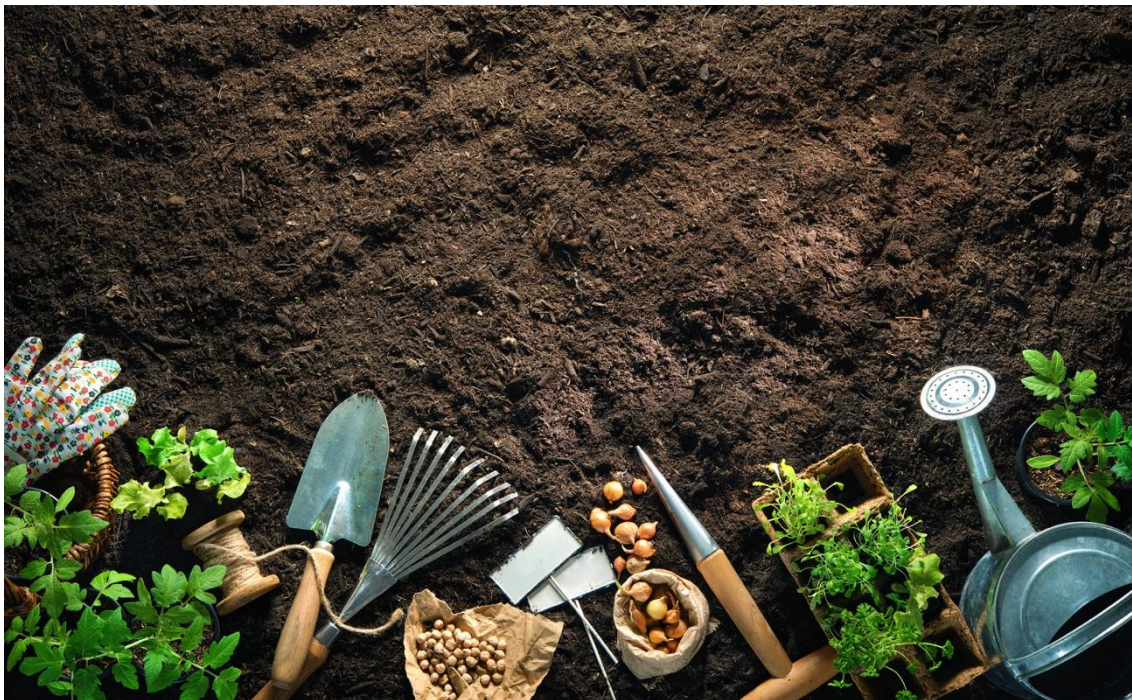
The course is broken down into twenty specific sessions. Each session will include a video lecture, course guide, and in some cases short assignments to help you grow. We encourage you to not only do this course on your own time, but with others who share the same passion to expand God's Kingdom.

## **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                            |
| <b>09 Self-Assessment</b>             | 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, Stephen will walk you thru a general self-assessment for you to evaluate your personal characteristics to guide you in your church planting journey. After your assessment you will know and be equipped with your personal tools. You will also know the characteristics that you need to develop.



## Session 9: Self-Assessment

### COUSE GUIDE - Fill in the Blank

1. The church planter needs to be \_\_\_\_\_ and able to see the BIG picture.
2. \_\_\_\_\_ is when you are willing to do what you are supposed to do but you are scared to do it!
3. A church planter needs to be a \_\_\_\_\_ people person who takes initiative.
4. The church planter knows the difference between \_\_\_\_\_ risks and \_\_\_\_\_ risks.
5. The church planter sees the team that works around and with him and most of all \_\_\_\_\_ seeing them flourish.
6. All the spouse's heart is willing to \_\_\_\_\_ the church planter and is willing to \_\_\_\_\_ in every aspect of the church plant.
7. The church planter can think \_\_\_\_\_ of the box of tradition.
8. Emotionally healthy means that when things go bad, you do not completely \_\_\_\_\_.
9. We need to grow in \_\_\_\_\_.

## CHURCH PLANTER ASSESSMENT

### INSTRUCTIONS

Take the 3 parts for assessment to four people with the following rating plan:

**1** = very weak, **2** = weak, **3** = average, **4** = good, **5** = very strong (can train others)

Assess yourself.

If you are married, let your spouse assess you. Listen, compare it to your assessment of yourself, discuss with your spouse, do not become defensive.

Have a good friend assess you and listen to your friend's evaluation.

Meet with one of the leaders in your church or denomination or your spiritual mentor, someone with whom you can talk confidentially. Compare the different evaluations. Create a plan where exactly in your life you need and want to change and improve. Become accountable to that leader or mentor.

## Part 1: Characteristics of a Church Planter

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| <input type="checkbox"/> visionary                       | <input type="checkbox"/> strong people skills |
| <input type="checkbox"/> courageous                      | <input type="checkbox"/> self-starter         |
| <input type="checkbox"/> flexible/adaptable              | <input type="checkbox"/> risk taker           |
| <input type="checkbox"/> people magnet (attracts people) |   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> resilient                       | <input type="checkbox"/> healthy family       |
| <input type="checkbox"/> focused                         | <input type="checkbox"/> servant's heart      |
| <input type="checkbox"/> optimistic                      | <input type="checkbox"/> team player          |
| <input type="checkbox"/> spouse on board                 | <input type="checkbox"/> strategic thinker    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> nontraditional                  | <input type="checkbox"/> spiritually mature   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> emotionally healthy             | <input type="checkbox"/> good self-esteem     |
| <input type="checkbox"/> likes a challenge               | <input type="checkbox"/> not quick to quit    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> challenges status quo           | <input type="checkbox"/> innovative           |
| <input type="checkbox"/> inspirational                   | <input type="checkbox"/> good listener        |

## Part 2: Spiritual Disciplines and Character Development

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| <input type="checkbox"/> strong prayer life                               |   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Bible reading and growing knowledge of the Bible |   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> very positive relationship to church community   |   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> frequent sharing of gospel with unbelievers      |   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> above reproach                                   | <input type="checkbox"/> able to teach                  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> not given to drunkenness                         | <input type="checkbox"/> not overbearing                |
| <input type="checkbox"/> husband of one wife                              | <input type="checkbox"/> not violent                    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> gentle   | <input type="checkbox"/> not quick-tempered             |
| <input type="checkbox"/> temperate  | <input type="checkbox"/> good reputation with outsiders |
| <input type="checkbox"/> not dishonest, does not pursue dishonest gain    |   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> not quarrelsome                                  | <input type="checkbox"/> not lover of money             |
| <input type="checkbox"/> loves what is good                               | <input type="checkbox"/> respectable                    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> holds firmly to the faith                        | <input type="checkbox"/> manages family well            |
| <input type="checkbox"/> filled with integrity                            | <input type="checkbox"/> hospitable                     |
| <input type="checkbox"/> holy   | <input type="checkbox"/> not a recent convert           |

### Part 3: Fruit of the Spirit (Galatians 5:22-23)

\_\_\_\_\_ Love

\_\_\_\_\_ Peace, Peaceable

\_\_\_\_\_ Kindness

\_\_\_\_\_ Faithfulness

\_\_\_\_\_ Self-control

\_\_\_\_\_ Joy

\_\_\_\_\_ Patience (can endure suffering)

\_\_\_\_\_ Goodness

\_\_\_\_\_ Humility, Gentleness

\_\_\_\_\_ Wisdom