

A close-up photograph of a pair of weathered, reddish-brown hands cupped together, holding a small, vibrant green seedling with three leaves. The seedling is growing out of a mound of dark, rich soil. The background is a blurred green, suggesting an outdoor setting. The hands show signs of age and labor, with visible veins and some discoloration.

SESSION
01
INTRODUCTION

INSTRUCTOR



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Stephen is a career church planter and church planting instructor. He has served with the Redeemer Church Planting network in Canada, more recently with Greater Europe Mission in Germany. He is considered one of the "cutting edge" Greater Europe Missionaries in this regard. He is Professor of Practical Theology at Freie Theologische Hochschule in Giessen, Germany. He has also been guest lecturer at a number of institutions on the European continent. He is married to Susan and they have four children. In 2011 Stephen and Susan embarked on yet another journey: together with 25 college students they planted a multi-everything church for the Frankfurt metro region. Through the refugee wave that came over Germany, this church multiplied to 15 congregations in 6 years.

GOALS

The course is broken down into nine 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 Introduction

03 On Location First Steps

05 Networking

07 Starting Your Team

09 Worship Service

02 Preparation & Conception

04 Contextualized & Contexted

06 Philosophy of Ministry

08 Birthing Phase of Your Church

Session Summary

In this session Stephen will begin to introduce you to the classical way of planting a church. He will begin with a short description of the two approaches for church planting, Organic and Classical. Then he will focus on the four key phases you will experience when planting your church.



Session 01: Introduction

COUSE GUIDE - Fill in the Blank

1. The _____ approach for church planting is where there is a strong emphasis on denominations, individualism, and desire structure.
2. There are _____ to _____ phases of a classical church plant.
3. Hell, and Satan are not going to remain quiet, they are going to _____ in every way they possibly can.
4. God is going to use you in the faithful _____ of His truth and of Jesus Christ to create for Himself a people for Himself in the _____ where you are!
5. The goal of planting a church is to expand the kingdom of God.
6. It is so important to create a prayer _____. You are going into the fore front of the battle against hell; therefore, you need _____ as a strategic weapon.
7. The final goal of the entire first stage of the classical church planting approach is to _____ into a daughter church.
8. The duration of each of the four phases are _____ from context to context. It is important to know the context you are planting your church.
9. Every phase brings a new _____ with it, while carrying the emphasis of the previous phase.

REFLECTION QUESTIONS

1. What are the two categories of church planting?
2. What are the four phases in building up your church plant?

PUTTING IT IN ACTION

1. Take some time looking at the church planting ministry globe. Write down practical actions you can put in place for each of the different phases of your church plant.
2. Use your personal the ministry globe to let people know what you can do now, and what lies ahead.