



SESSION

04

CONTEXTUALIZED & CONTEXTED

## **INSTRUCTOR**



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## **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

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06 Philosophy of Ministry

08 Birthing Phase of Your Church



In this session Stephen will explain the importance of surveys. You will be equipped with three types of surveys that you can use to create a set of simple questions you want to ask the people in your community. The answers will give you what you need to know about the different opinions of the people.



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### COUSE GUIDE - Fill in the Blank

1. \_\_\_\_\_ are a great way to get answers from people living in your community.
2. A target group is the \_\_\_\_\_ minority within your exsisting church.
3. You are planting a church not to \_\_\_\_\_ a small minority of believers, you are planting a church to expand the \_\_\_\_\_ of God.
4. Before you decide what model of church to plant you will begin, you need to understand the context of your surroundings.
5. If you choose a \_\_\_\_\_ name for a church, it probably won't bring you anything.
6. If you choose a \_\_\_\_\_ name for your church, it could do allot of \_\_\_\_\_!
7. When you do surveys on the street, always have your \_\_\_\_\_ ready.
8. The survey will help you build a church that fits \_\_\_\_\_ to the situation that God has called you.

## SURVEY TYPES/QUESTIONS

1. What are the cultural details or habits/lifestyles of the people in your city?
2. What are the religious beliefs of the people in your city?
3. What are the details (name, logo, etc.) about the church you want to create?

### PUTTING IT IN ACTION

1. Create three simple surveys to answer the survey questions discussed in this session.
2. Look at the answers to your questions. Begin to prayerfully review these and put an action plan in place accordingly. Focus on how to build your church to fit the context of your community based on these questions.