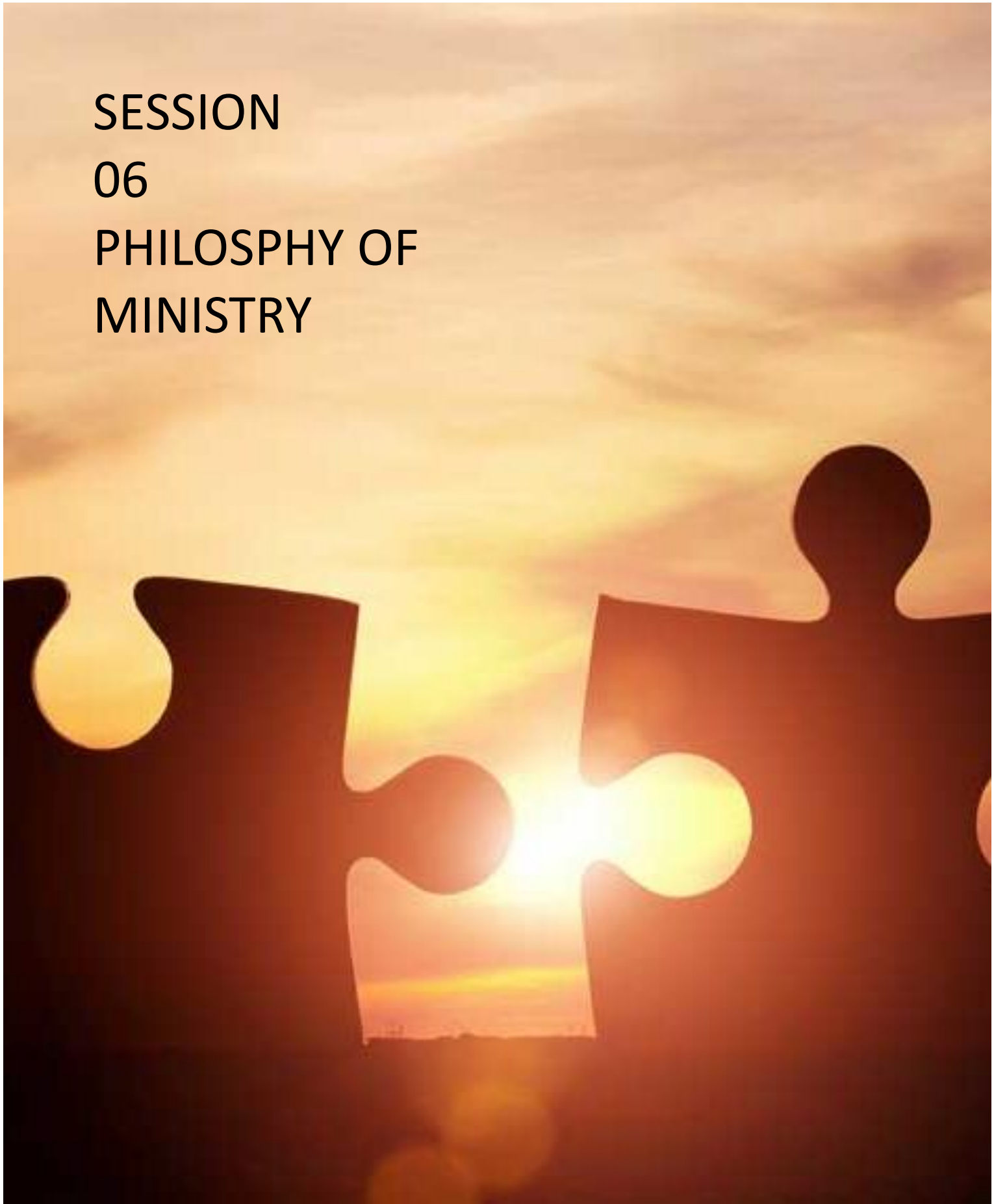


SESSION

06

PHILOSOPHY OF
MINISTRY



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

04 Contextualized & Contexted

06 Philosophy of Ministry

08 Birthing Phase of Your Church

Session Summary

In this session Stephen will give valuable information of how to move from the conception phase into the pregnant phase of your classical church plant. Stephen will share the two methods of creating your core start team to work with you write down your philosophy of ministry based on all that you have done in the conception phase.



Session 06: Philosophy of Ministry

COUSE GUIDE - Fill in the Blank

1. A _____ is a group of people who are deeply committed to your philosophy of ministry and working with you to bring it to life.
2. The _____ out approach is when you choose the people on your start team, and they begin to meet with them regularly.
3. You are going to have to choose _____ the people who will be your partners in this church planting adventure.
4. The outside in approach is when your start team comes out of a _____ church and has decided on to start a new church.
5. When you start meeting with your start team, begin by discussing your _____ of ministry.
6. As the church planter, you will have to lead the start team to a _____ understanding to embrace the philosophy of ministry.
7. Spend considerable amount of time in _____ with your start team.
8. Get into the _____ with your start team.
9. It is very important to spend _____ with every member of your start team getting to know them to have a _____ basis of people around you.

REFLECTION QUESTIONS

1. What are the two methods of developing a start team and their definitions?
2. What are the positive and negative aspects of both methods?

PUTTING IT IN ACTION

1. Gather all your notes from the conception phase of your church plant.
Begin to write down your philosophy of ministry.
2. Commit to pray regularly over your philosophy of ministry into the context of your church plant.