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SESSION 08 BIRTHING PHASE

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	02 Preparation & Conception
03 On Location First Steps	04 Contextualized & Contexed
05 Networking	06 Philosophy of Ministry
07 Starting Your Team	08 Birthing Phase of Your Church
09 Worship Service	

Session Summary

In this session Stephen will provide the final steps to put in place before you birth your church. He will discuss the need for identifying humble and passionate leaders and how to develop them to be individuals who can bring wisdom and listen to wisdom as they lead. They will be the foundation for your future leadership team of your new congregation.



Session 08: Birthing Phase of Your Church

COUSE GUIDE - Fill in the Blank

- 1. Identifying ______ is the first thing to do when beginning to birth your church.
- 2. _____ and a passion for reaching the lost are foundational characteristics of a solid leader.
- 3. Macro-level leadership is focused on the ______ activities of the church plant.
- 4. Functional leadership is more focused on the ______ aspects of your congregation.
- 5. A ______event is when you invite people to come together to hear the vision that you have for the new church.
- 6. It is important to have ______ information events to gather more individuals to join your start team.
- 7. During the information events, build up a ______ list in which you can use as you approach the birth of your church.
- 8. ______talks are ways in which you can engage with the people in your city to discuss with them the hot issues of society.

REFLECTION QUESTIONS

1. What are the two main things that need to happen in your birthing phase?

2. What are the different gifts that you should be looking for in the macro and micro levels of leadership?

3. Is your church plant a church that engages with society and the city in which you are planting?

PUTTING IT IN ACTION

1. Identify individuals in your start up team that have the characteristics of being humble and passionate for leading others.

2. Begin to meet with them individually and discuss the different ways in which they can become a leader.

3. Begin to spend time with your leadership team regularly in prayer.