

# Beginnings the Organic Way

Course Guide

Theo Visser & Stephen Beck

# **WELCOME!**

By taking this course you will not only be learning new information and skills. You will be equipping and empowering yourself with the proper tools to expand the Kingdom of God.

At mosaiXmultiply we believe that creating intercultural church communities in & through God's children, people of all nationalities can be saved. We are committed to create every single course with this goal in mind.

# We aim to:

- Raise up, train, and mobilize men and women to plant mosaic gospel communities.
- Encourage monocultural churches to become mosaics of nations and cultures in intercultural reconciliation.
- Help local church members realize their church's vision by starting intercultural discipleship groups within their church, thereby creating the dynamic of mission and multiplication.

It is a joy and an honor to partner with you as you seek His guidance to grow in the confidence to expand His Kingdom.

Have a blessed Journey!

Joel Lutz & the mosaiXmultiply Team

# **INTRODUCTION**

This course will provide you the tools needed to continue your journey in planting an organic church that has a mindset of multiplication.

In many parts of the world and amongst many different people groups churches have been planted in an organic way. That means, there was no major raising of funds or securing of a building or hiring of an ordained and trained church planter before the actual church plant can be started but a disciple making group was started. In this course, two highly experienced and knowledgeable church planting trainers, Stephen Beck (USA, Canada, Germany) and Theo Visser (Netherlands), team up to show you how it's done.

Theo Visser takes you through the various steps you take to multiply a Discovery Group into a second one, into several disciple making groups, and ultimately into a worshipping congregation whose focus is on the bulk of ministry and mission, of discipleship and leadership training happening in the small groups. Beyond that, Theo Visser explains how out of one small group driven disciple making congregation you can develop a second, then a third congregation of small groups. In the organic approach to church planting, rapid multiplication of disciples, small groups and congregations is the vision

Dr. Beck's contribution in this course is to introduce you to the concept of a Discovery Group for non-Christians. His training manual gives you all the information and creative ideas you need to start a Discovery Group. His lectures will give you helpful advice out of his own experience how to lead a Discovery Group. You also receive the actual materials you can use for Discovery Group discussions. Once you have sat through these lectures you will be ready to start a Discovery Group.

Be Blessed!

Theo Visser & Stephen Beck PhD

### **INSTRUCTORS**



THEO VISSER

**Theo Visser** (1970) has a passion to see the church of Jesus restored to its original vigor: missional, colorful, passionate for Christ, Spirit filled, grace oriented, holy, with strong theology and high Christology. His vision is to see people from all nations becoming disciples of Christ in such a way that they will disciple others. In this way he aims for a multiplying movement of Gods Spirit across Europe.

After his study of theology in Utrecht he worked with refugees for 5 years. After that he planted an intercultural church in Rotterdam (ICF Rotterdam). Later he launched the Dutch ICP network; in 10 years' time he connected about 30 newly planted churches. In addition to this, Theo started a new church planting church in Rotterdam (LEEF!), where even today he still experiences the dynamics of an intercultural church. This is also the place where he himself is discipling others because that is his greatest passion. In this learning process he gained much experience in planting intercultural churches. He used to write down and store all the lessons that he has learned in this specific intercultural field. Right now, he spends most of his time serving the European network of intercultural church plants, ICP Europe (<a href="https://www.icpnetwork.eu">www.icpnetwork.eu</a>). The goal of this network is to help the nations of Europe establish their own national network of intercultural church planting.

Theo's gifts as a pioneer are coaching, overseeing, training and inspiring others. In this way he helps people to reach their full potential in Christ for the cause of Kingdom among the nations.



STEPHEN BECK PhD

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 twenty-five 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 fifteen congregations in 6 years.



#### **GOALS**

The course is broken down into fifteen specific sessions. The first six sessions will be taught by Theo Visser and the last nine by Stephen Beck. 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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