

SESSION 04 MISSIONAL COMMUNITIES



INSTRUCTOR



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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 (www.icpnetwork.eu). 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.

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Session Summary

In this session Theo will discuss the third basecamp on our journey of planting an intercultural church. This base camp is Missional Communities. Theo will share how in this base camp, there will be more challenges and more commitment and what you need to do a how to do it.



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COUSE GUIDE - Fill in the Blank

1. A missional community is a community of builders (Christians) and seekers (unchurched) of 50 to 60 people who study the _____, impact the _____, and have _____ together.
2. Being a loving community has to do with the love for God and others, the love for the _____, and with love for the _____.
3. _____ is an important and powerful tool for impacting your community.
4. It is important not to hide things, but to be open when building missional communities.
5. _____ is the most beautiful but also the most difficult characteristic of a missional community.
6. Multiplication is a core _____ in the expansion of God's Kingdom.
7. There is _____ in bearing fruit, but it is worth the price!

REFLECTION QUESTIONS

1. What are the three foundations of a Missional Community?
2. Why is Genuine Love so impactful in a Missional Community?
3. What are different ways to deal with the pain of multiplication?

PUTTING IT IN ACTION

1. What next step could you make to take care of one another, do useful practical things for your neighborhood and look for ways to multiply your group?
2. Pray the prayer of Luke 10:2 daily about ways the Holy Spirit can guide you in creating Missional Communities.