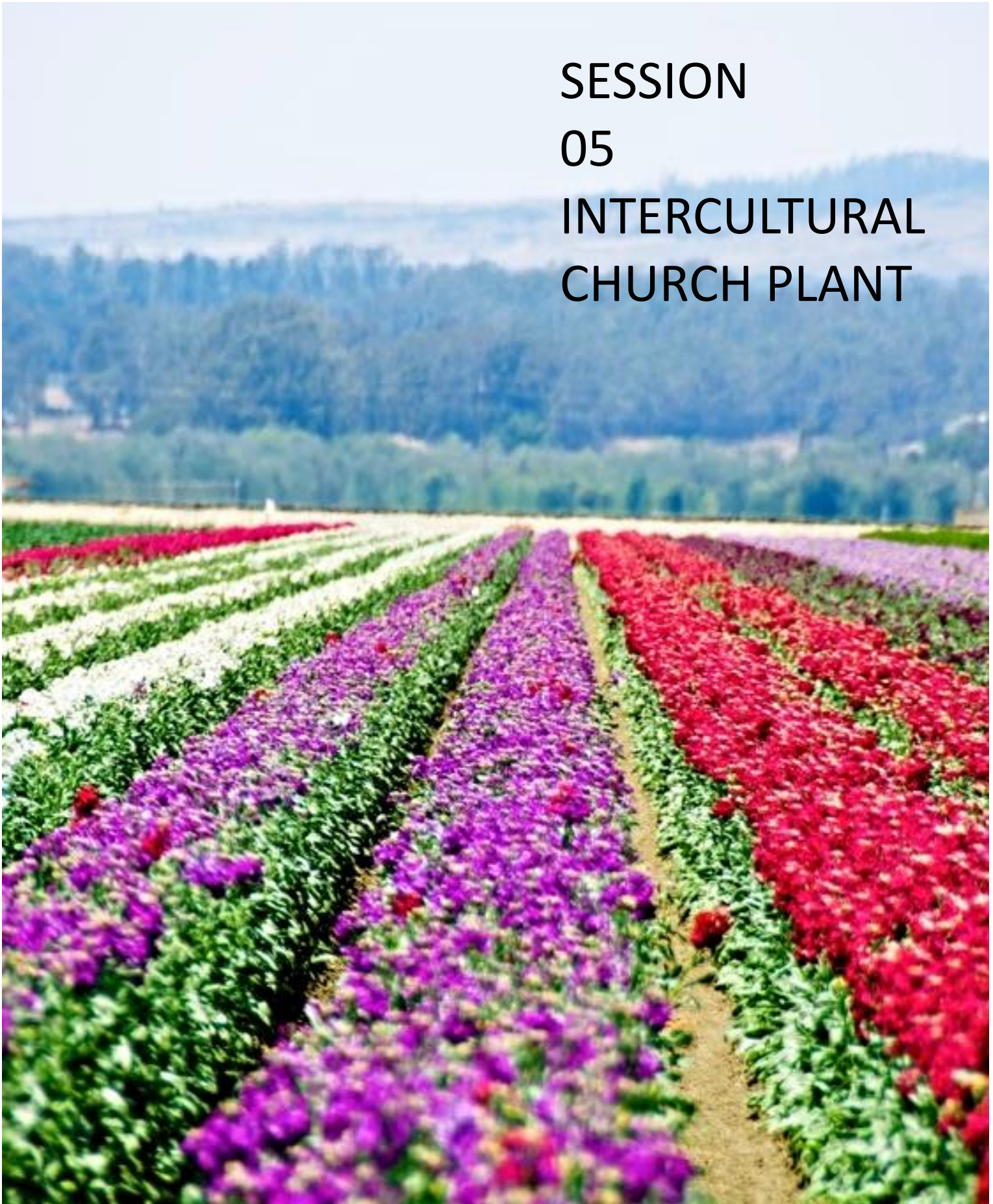


SESSION 05 INTERCULTURAL CHURCH PLANT



INSTRUCTOR



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 God's 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 fourth basecamp on our journey of planting an intercultural church. This base camp will combine the three or more of the Missional Communities to create an Intercultural Church. Although this is becoming more complex, in this session we explain how you can keep it light and simple as possible and the need for bonding and bridging with the people in these communities to gather them together into one Church plant.



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COUSE GUIDE - Fill in the Blank

1. Once you have _____ or more missional communities, you can start to meet regularly.
2. One of the _____ of church planting is that too much energy is placed in the weekly service.
3. The Intercultural Church plant is a _____ of the missional communities that regularly comes together.
4. It is particularly important to _____ others around you to be empowered to help build the intercultural church.
5. Two key factors for building your intercultural community are bonding and _____.
6. Worship structure, leadership methods, conflict, and conflict, are only a few of the _____ you will face in starting an intercultural church plant.
7. A team _____ who has a foundation in understanding the cultural differences in your community is critical in establishing your intercultural church plant.

INTERCULTURAL CHURCH PLANTING WHEEL



REFLECTION QUESTIONS

1. When you begin your Intercultural Church Plant, what are some of the practical steps you can take to begin the building of this fourth base camp?
2. What is bonding and bridging and why are they important factors in intercultural church planting?
3. How could you in your context bring several missional communities together into a new intercultural churchplant?

PUTTING IT IN ACTION

1. Look at the different tools available by the Intercultural Church Planting Network in which you can use to build up your intercultural church.



<https://icpnetwork.eu>