

# Session 9



More Networking!!

## Instructor



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## Goals

This 13 session course about contextualization and models for intercultural church planting is one of the most overlooked subjects in the area of congregation multiplication. The course begins with the definition of contextualization and finds in the Bible the guidelines for practicing it in the work of the Kingdom of God. You will learn the theory of contextualizing and you will be given practical tools. You will understand how the Gospel is designed to be contextualized and how you can adapt it to your own church planting situation.

## Sessions Overview

1. Introduction
2. Errors in Contextualization
3. The Gospel, Culture and Shaping your Church's Culture
4. Faithful Contextualization
5. Bridging the Gospel into Culture - Step 1
6. Bridging the Gospel into Culture - Step 2
7. Active and Practical Bridging
8. Networking!
- 9. More Networking!**
10. Research and SWOT
11. Church Planting Models
12. Church Plant Birthed out of Existing Churches, & out of nothing - part I
13. Church Plants Birthed out of Nothing Part II

## Session Summary

This lecture covers the other 4 groups of people a church planter must network with before he starts worship services. Networking really never stops for a church planter, but for at least the first year before gathering people for worship services, this is a most fundamental laying of foundation for a contextualized church.

## Fill in the Blanks

1. Why should you meet with other pastors in the place where you're going to plant a church?

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2. What are some of the key questions to ask?

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3. What are some key things to avoid saying?

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4. What may be other persons or institutes to introduce yourself to?

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5. Once you met all these people and offices, what does the information you collected can help you conclude? What should it help you decide?

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6. Why would it be beneficial to interview a musician?

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