

# Session 13



## Church Plants Birthed out of Nothing Part II

## 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

Beck discusses the high-impact model of the cell church. The largest congregation in the world that has modelled for us how to be “large enough to impact, small enough to care”. The professor concludes with the model of his own experience in Frankfurt, Germany and the model from which Church Planting 5 course is launched: the intercultural multi-everything church.

### Fill in the Blanks

1. “Cell group” means \_\_\_\_\_
2. Describe in a short sentence, how does a “cell group” multiplies.  
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3. What is a huddle?  
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4. What are the two most important things, in your opinion, which take place in the huddle?  
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5. If your church plant meets visitors of different cultures, how could you make sure that everyone feels at home culturally on the one side, and can enjoy the company of brothers and sisters from other cultures on the other?  
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