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Church Planting 4

Contextualizing:

Preparing to plant a church

Course Guide

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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 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.

Not everything that Dr. Beck is teaching here is going to fit perfectly to your situation. Listen and absorb the principles, then contextualize the teaching to your area, situation, culture, and language. Seek advice and guidance from God and His Word. Turn to locals you trust or expand your network as described in the teaching to strengthen your confidence in progressing your work. If God sent you, He will lead you!

Your teacher

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.

Sessions Overview

1. **Introduction**
2. Errors in Contextualization

3. The Gospel, Culture and Shaping your Church's Culture
4. Faithfull 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