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Church Planting 5

Theology of a Stranger

*Biblical Basis
for
multi-cultural Communities*

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

As Christians we are **ambassadors sent from God to a place without God**. We are sent by Him to **call** those who are not yet his to **get out** of the kingdom of darkness and **make the journey** into the Kingdom of light. As a Christian, you may find yourself in that place because you chose to go there, or you may have been forced there through persecution. But it is the hand of God for spreading the Gospel. You have nothing to fear. Every Christian is in essence a foreigner and an ambassador. Come to terms with your calling (accept that fact), pick up the badge of the heavenly authority given to you on the day you became born again as a citizen of heaven and **a child of God**, and start manifesting your new bloodline with courage and trust. You are a new creation in Christ. Your Father is a King! This makes you royalty. If you believe that Jesus' blood purchased you, then you are no longer of this world. Accept it in thankfulness and let God the Holy Spirit support you in the renewing of your mind to abandon rejection as a slave and putting on the new man as royalty. Your message will be received or may be rejected. As for you, this plays no role.

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.

Course Goals

Strangers and misplaced, but for a reason! These five sessions, brought to you by Dr. Stephen Beck, deal with what we may understand from people in the Bible that were considered strangers where they were. Dr. Beck introduces this theme in four topics: 'The role of the foreigner in the Bible', 'the Christian as a foreigner in this world', 'the Christian congregation in which we learn to accept and love the foreigner', and 'pastoral application of the theology of the stranger'.

Target group for this course: any kind of church planter, home group starter or any other person who looks to draw people from culturally diverse backgrounds who group together for the sake of the Kingdom of God.

Sessions Overview

1. The theology of a stranger – Introduction
2. The theology of a stranger – Solomon's prayer
3. The theology of a stranger – Jesus was an immigrant
4. The theology of a stranger – Christians as strangers in this world
5. The theology of a stranger – The example of the multicultural congregation