

SESSION 2

Going on a Mission

Instructor



Hans Euser, M. Theology at VU in Amsterdam, since 2017 is the director of Intercultural Church Plants (ICP) in the Netherlands. Because of Jesus in his life, he learned to love the nations; the attitude from 'racism' has changed to 'gracism' and it has shaped his way of living. Together with his family they are pioneers. In 2010 they started the International Christians Fellowship, a multi-ethnic church in the city Veenendaal. After setting up the church, they moved to Rotterdam where they are starting BLEND, a way of setting up entrepreneurial church planting in the multicultural neighborhood where they live.

Hans has been married to Carolien since 2000 and together they have three children, Samuel, Roos and Rhodé. Hans is dedicated to inspiring, training, and equipping others to build intercultural faith communities and churches.

Goals

This 5-session course is a guide on establishing your Intercultural Church plant includes principles taken from the biblical texts, and practical teachings on Kingdom expansion, how to build your leadership team, training them to train others to be disciples of Jesus and in turn multiplying His kingdom.

You will:

- Learn which preparations are necessary for a congregation multiplication.
- Learn from biblical text about Kingdom expansion.
- Learn what are some of the important steps you need to take to reach your goal.
- Learn to identify potential leaders and train them to help you.

Sessions Overview

1. Phase I: Preparations for church planting
2. **Phase II: Going on a mission**
3. Phase III: Making disciples
4. Phase IV: Training leaders
5. Phase V: Multiplying community

Session Summary

Hans is taking Luke chapter 10 and extract five practical principles for beginning the journey of church planting.

Fill in the Blanks

1. The first principle, or 'indicator' as Hans calls it, is 'pleading (Hans uses the word *begging*) God.' He says, "Do not ask for blessings on your plans, but receive Gods _____ in which the blessing is _____."
2. Finding the right people to engage with is particularly important. "We find persons of _____ when we walk like _____."

3. Write down some creative ways through which you could come in contact with people where you want to plant a church.

4. The third indicator on the road to a church plant is to speak of the message of the Gospel with the people God places on your way. What Jesus told the woman at the well was different than the message to Nicodemus. The main thing we need to pay attention to when we speak to different people is how to _____ the message to the different background in which the people are coming from!
5. The fourth principle is multicultural group meetings. Explain why is it nevertheless valuable to meet sometimes as homogeneous (same background or language) groups, and for what purposes?

6. The fifth principle is 'repetition.' The danger of a church planting mission is that it turns _____. If you and you team produce good fruit, it will carry seeds already in it. The fruit can be enjoyed, but the seed must continue the cycle. "Churches _____ churches that _____ churches. Networks _____ networks that _____ networks.