


# Church Planting

(Establishing healthy churches)

Belief, Posture & Action






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## Beliefs


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### Why the Church Exists Review

- Our purpose is to glorify God by loving as Jesus Loves
- The triune God, who is perfect in love is on a mission to unite us to himself. God himself has come into creation in order to redeem us so that we can be reconciled to Him
- The Great Commission is joining in the mission of God (*Matthew 28:18-20*).




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**Objective:**  
Provide a pulpit ministry framework for the vision and application of multiplying churches

**Framework:**  
The local church is the primary method for obedience to the Great Commission, therefore church planting is vital to our vision




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### Belief: Church planting is the plan

1. **From the beginning** – Genesis/creation mandate
2. **Great Commission** – Reinforces the mandate (*Matt. 28:18-20, Mark 16:15-16, Luke 24:46-49, John 20:21, and Acts 1:8*)
3. **Acts of Acts** – Planting and Establishing churches
4. **Evidence in the epistles** – Reinforce centrality of the church



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## Antioch



**Was the church important to the apostle Paul?**

**PAUL'S FIRST AND SECOND MISSIONARY JOURNEYS**

Map:  
 - Red: The missionary journey outlined in the Acts of the Apostles.  
 - Blue: Paul's second missionary journey.  
 - Green: Paul's first missionary journey.  
 - Yellow: Paul's third missionary journey.

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**Posture**  
**MINDSET FOR CHURCH PLANTING**

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**Posture: Church planting is a function of church health**

**Ephesians 4:11-16**

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**KNOW YOUR PEOPLE DIAGRAM**

**FIVE PURPOSES:**  
 - EVANGELISM  
 - WORSHIP  
 - FELLOWSHIP  
 - DISCIPLESHIP  
 - MINISTRY

**SEND**

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**Posture: Reproduction**

**Church Planting Phases**

Commitment & Clarity (Y-axis)  
 Time (X-axis)

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**Action**

SKILLSET FOR CHURCH PLANTING

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**Action: PREACHING**

1. See and Share God's Heart for multiplication
2. Lay Scriptural Foundations for Sending
3. Know that sending is good

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**Action: LEADING**

1. Pursue unity
2. Present church vision
3. Prepare for change management
4. Provide for cultural learning
5. Produce disciples towards the core

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**Action: LIVING**

1. Embrace healthy discomfort
2. We are all church planting
3. Send to Jerusalem, Judea, Samaria.....

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**Discussion Questions after the talk**

1. Are the Biblical principles of our leadership role in church planting understood enough to share with confidence over the pulpit?
2. How can we lead with excitement around a vision for church planting, when the practical realities involve relational or financial loss, suffering, hardship, and possible failure?
3. How do the scriptural principles that point to church planting bless the church member that will likely never be sent?
4. Why does a church planting vision make sense to our local church if we don't have any short-term hope of it being a reality?
5. What are 1-3 major roadblocks preventing our local church from adopting a vision for church planting?

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Resource recommendations



Amazon.com:

**Global Church Planting: Biblical Principles and Best Practices for Multiplication**

Paperback – January 1, 2011  
by Craig Ott, Gene Wilson

The Centrality of the Church



**Centrality of the Church Focus Area Training**  
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