

## Discovery Guides for *Church Planters*

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## Church Planting Basics: Love and Obey

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God deserves our love. Yet telling God that we love Him is not enough. We must show our love for Him. We show our love every time we obey His commands. Love motivates church planters to obey God's Word. Without love we cannot plant churches. Without obedience, our expressions of love for God are shallow.

Church planting begins when followers of Christ commit to love God by obeying His commands.

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### Reminder

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### SCRIPTURE

**Matthew 22:34-40; Deuteronomy 6:1-6; and John 14:15-26.**

DISCOVERY – *Do NOT teach these following truths - ask questions until they discover the basic idea that:*

- The most important thing in life is to love God.
- We show our love when we obey His commands

### Ask:

- **What do these passages say about obedience?**
- **What do these passages say about love?**
- **What do these passages say that is important?**
- **How do these passages challenge you?**
- **What questions do you have?**

Once the group discovers these truths, they need to obey what God says in His Word. Help them discover what they need to do to obey these passages.

*OBEDIENCE: Ask questions to help individuals and groups say how they will obey. Help them make specific "I will" ... or "we will" statements (or their cultural equivalent). Encourage them to help each other actually obey.*

*Help them move from a general statement such as I will love God to a specific statement – I will love God by .....*

*At the end – ask them to write down / memorize their obedience statement for their Obedience Action Plan. Then ask them to pray with each other for God to accomplish His plans through them in this area of obedience.*

### Ask:

- **What do I need to change in my life to obey this passage?**
- **What is the price of obeying this passage?**
- **Who do I need to share this passage with?**
- **How does this passage affect how I plant churches?**

## Church Planting Basics: Great Commission

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The Great Commission (Matthew 28:19-20) is one of the most recognizable passages on missions in the Bible. Many people understand that the Great Commission commands us to go into the world, but few realize the Great Commission teaches the process of discipleship that leads to multiplication. Multiplication of obedient disciples leads to church planting. Exponential church planting leads to church planting movements.

When you study this passage, make sure and pay careful attention to the order of the parts of this command. The order of the parts of this command, in the literary format of Matthew, is very important. You might be surprised at what it prescribes.

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#### SCRIPTURE

##### **Matthew 28:16-20.**

*DISCOVERY – Do NOT teach these following truths - ask questions until they discover the basic idea that:*

- Disciples obey Christ (they went to where Jesus told them to go)
- Disciples worship Christ
- All authority belongs to Jesus
- Jesus commanded: Go – make disciples – baptize – teach obedience
- Jesus is with his disciples always
- This commission applies to everybody
- We are called to disciple everybody, including those we hate and/or fear
- Discipleship begins with non-believers
- Going is important but only if we make disciples
- Making disciples is important but only if they believe and are baptized
- Baptized believers are important but only if we teach them to obey

#### Ask:

- **What did the disciples do?**
- **What does Jesus promise?**
- **What does Jesus command?**
- **Where were the disciples commanded to go? Did that command include people the disciples might not like?**
- **What if we go but don't make obedient disciples?**
- **What if we make disciples but they are not baptized?**
- **What if we baptize people but don't teach them to obey?**
- **What do these passages say that is important?**
- **How do these passages challenge you?**
- **What questions do you have?**

Once the group discovers these truths, they need to obey what God says in His Word. Help them discover what they need to do to obey these passages.

*OBEDIENCE: Ask questions to help individuals and groups say how they will obey. Help them make specific "I will" ... or "we will" statements (or their cultural equivalent). Encourage them to help each other actually obey.*

*Help them move from general to specific – for instance, instead of saying "I will obey the Great Commission" they might say "I will go out to the Falua neighborhood within the next two weeks to do what Jesus commanded in Matthew 28. ."*

*At the end – ask them to write down / memorize their obedience statement for their Obedience Action Plan. Then ask them to pray with each other for God to accomplish His plans through them in this area of obedience.*

**Ask:**

- **What do I need to change in my life to obey this passage?**
- **What is the price of obeying this passage?**
- **Who do I need to share this passage with?**
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## Church Planting Basics: All Authority – Holy Spirit

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On the night before Jesus' death he told his disciples that after he left them he would send the Holy Spirit to be with them forever just as he had been with them. He warned them not to try to minister in His name without this coming power and presence. And so Jesus began his Great Commission by speaking about the spiritual authority that was entrusted to him, and ended it by promising that he would forever be with those who go and make disciples. If church planting is ever to become a movement, everything must rest upon the authority of Scripture and also upon the guidance and empowering of the Holy Spirit—never on our own power.

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### Reminder

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### SCRIPTURE

**Narrative: 3-54:33** The Holy Spirit at work through Peter and John and the church

How was the Holy Spirit at work in birthing the church?

#### **John 15:26- 16:15**

- **Jesus says that after He leaves He will send the Holy Spirit—what does he say the Holy Spirit will do in the lives of Jesus' disciples?**
- **What would Jesus expect to be the attitude of his disciples today toward the work of the Holy Spirit in their lives?**

#### **Matthew 28:18-20**

- **What are the implications for church planters that Jesus begins the Great Commission by saying that all authority has been given to him?**
- **What are implications of Jesus' commitment that he will always be with every disciple that goes and make disciples?**

#### **Acts 1: 4-8**

- **What does this passage teach us about the danger of trying to minister in Jesus' name without the empowering of His Spirit?**
- **When we are empowered by God, to what are we witnesses?**

#### **Acts 2**

- **What do we learn from what happened on the Day of Pentecost and Peter's message that day about the role of the Holy Spirit in giving birth to the church on the Day of Pentecost?**

#### **Acts 5:12-16; 9:31, 9:40-42**

- **What do we learn from this passage about the role of the Holy Spirit's power to heal and deliver and discipleship/church planting.**

#### **Acts 16:6-10**

- **What do we learn from this passage about the guidance of the Holy Spirit and accomplish discipleship/church planting?**

#### **Acts 15: 28**

- **In this passage we see the concluding results of the Jerusalem counsel. What do we learn from this passage about the process of seeking unity and spiritual guidance in solving difficult problems?**

For Further Study:

**What did the Holy Spirit do in each of these passages?**

**Acts: 1:8 / 2:4 / 2:33 / 4:8 / 4:31 / 6:3 / 6:10 / 7:55 / 8:29 / 8:39 / 9:31 / 10:44 / 11:24  
11:28 / 13:2 / 13:4 / 16:6 / 16:7 / 20:23 / 20:28 / 21:4**

Sample listing of roles of the Holy Spirit:

- Power and boldness for evangelization
- Enables cross-cultural communication of the gospel
- The power which brings spiritual awakening
- Works through willing vessels (believers)
- Qualifies, equips, and empowers Kingdom service
- Enablement to endure persecution for the gospel
- Guidance for divine appointments
- Encouragement
- Kingdom expansion
- Conviction of the lost
- Consecration and commissioning
- Prophesying
- Guidance in and to the harvest
- Preparation and equipping for persecution to come
- Speak through believers

Once the group discovers these truths, they need to obey what God says in His Word. Help them discover what they need to do to obey these passages.

*OBEDIENCE: Ask questions to help individuals and groups say how they will obey. Help them make specific “I will”... or “we will” statements (or their cultural equivalent). Encourage them to help each other actually obey.*

*Help them move from general to specific – for instance, instead of saying “I will rely on the Holy Spirit in planting churches – they might say “I will rely on the Holy Spirit this week as I go into the Tandaran village ....”*

*At the end – ask them to write down / memorize their obedience statement for their Obedience Action Plan. Then ask them to pray with each other for God to accomplish His plans through them in this area of obedience.*

**Ask:**

- **What are some specific steps you will do as you seek to see the Holy Spirit at the center of your efforts to plant the Gospel?**
- **What do I need to change in my life to obey this passage?**
- **What is the price of obeying this passage?**
- **Who do I need to share this passage with?**

## **Church Planting Basics: All Authority – Prayer**

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### Session 1: Our Lord's Prayers

Prayer is nothing more and nothing less than listening to God and talking to Him. Often we think mainly of prayer as talking to God. We must listen first and obey. There are hundreds and hundreds of examples of God speaking to people in the Bible. It is foolish to think of doing the work of the Master without listening to Him and doing what He says. Jesus said in John 10:27, "My sheep listen to my voice; I know them, and they follow me."

SCRIPTURE:

**What can we learn from each of these passages?**

**Matthew 6:5-18**

**Luke 11:1-13**

**Matthew 7:7-11**

**John 17**

**John 15:4-10**

Future Study: Understanding Prayer

Forget all the principles you "know" about prayer. Let's examine more scriptures and hear what God has in mind concerning our communication with Him.

SCRIPTURE

What can we learn from each of these passages?

- **Genesis 18:23-32**
- **Joshua 7:6-12**
- **Job 30:20-23**
- **Psalms 5:1-3**
- **Psalms 28:6-7**
- **Psalms 88:1-2**
- **Psalms 107:6**
- **Psalms 116:1-2**
- **Psalms 118:5-6**
- **Ecclesiastes 5:2**
- **Matthew 26:39-46**
- **Matthew 18:18-20**
- **Matthew 21:21-22**
- **Luke 11:5-13**
- **Luke 18:1-7**
- **Luke 20:45-47**
- **John 14:12-14**
- **Acts 12:5-16**
- **2 Corinthians 12:8-10**
- **Hebrews 4:15-16**
- **James 5:16**
- **1 John 3:21-22**

Once the group discovers these truths, they need to obey what God says in His Word. Help them discover what they need to do to obey these passages.

*OBEDIENCE: Ask questions to help individuals and groups say how they will obey. Help them make specific “I will” ... or “we will” statements (or their cultural equivalent). Encourage them to help each other actually obey.*

*Help them move from general to specific – since there are a lot of verses in this lesson, have them choose 1,2,3 key concepts and be specific about how they will obey in a continual way.*

*At the end – ask them to write down / memorize their obedience statement for their Obedience Action Plan. Then ask them to pray with each other for God to accomplish His plans through them in this area of obedience.*

Ask:

- What are some specific steps you will do as you seek to pray and know God better and equip others to pray?
- What do I need to change in my life to obey this passage?
- What is the price of obeying this passage?
- Who do I need to share this passage with?

### **Intercessory Prayer**

The dictionary speaks of intercession as “the act of interceding, meditation, pleading, or prayer on behalf of another.” Intercession is prayer offered for others as directed by the Holy Spirit. The church planter needs to intercede personally and mobilize others to intercede and also equip them to intercede.

#### **SCRIPTURE**

Narrative: **2 Chr 20:1-30**

##### **Mobilizing Prayer**

- Problem
- Proclaimed a Fast
- Prayer – who God – what he has done – what he has promised – what we need him to do that he has already promised
- Listening to word given
- Obeying

**What can we learn from this story?**

#### **SCRIPTURE - INTERCESSION**

**What can we learn from these examples of intercession?**

- **Exodus 32:7-14**
- **Daniel 9:1-27**
- **Nehemiah 1:1-11**
- **John 17:6-26**
- **Romans 8:26-39**

For Further Study:

If you have more time, you might have different sub-groups study several of these scripture passages and then share what they learn with the whole group.

Examples of Intercession

- Genesis 18:20-33
- Exodus 32:19-32
- Ezra 9:1-15
- I Kings 18:30-39
- Luke 23:24
- Acts 11
- Acts 7:60
- Ephesians 3:14-20
- Philippians 1:9-11
- Colossians 1:9-17

## SCRIPTURE - HINDRANCES TO INTERCESSION

As we pray for God to work, sometimes we are hindering our very requests. How much do we really want God to work? Enough to let him root out the hindrances in our hearts, minds, and actions?

## SCRIPTURE

**Psalm 66:16-20**

**James 1:5-7**

**Luke 20:46-47**

**James 4:3**

**Mark 11:22-25**

**John 15:16-17**

Note to leader: Here is a guide to the main hindrances – with some other reference passages to support the scripture above -- but let the scripture speak to the group without trying to force them to have these exact answers. If people come up with answers that are not supported by scripture, let the group re-examine the verses to correct this.

Psalm 66:16-20 sin

Luke 20:46-47 pride

Mark 11:22-25 lack of faith and lack of forgiveness

James 1:5-7 doubt and not asking

James 4:3 motives

John 15:16-17 not asking according to His will and lack of love

For Further Study:

If you have more time, you might have different sub-groups study several of these scripture passages and then share what they learn with the whole group.

What to pray for the lost

*As a group, apply these scriptures as prayers.*

- Lord, I pray that you draw \_\_\_\_\_ to Yourself (John 6:44)
- I pray that \_\_\_\_\_ will seek to know You. (Acts 17:27)
- I pray that \_\_\_\_\_ will hear and believe the Word of God for what it really is. (I Thess.2:3)
- I ask You, Lord, to prevent Satan from blinding \_\_\_\_\_ to the truth. (II Cor. 4:4)
- Holy Spirit, I ask you to convict \_\_\_\_\_ of his/her sin and need for Christ's redemption. (John 16:7-14)
- I ask that you give me the opportunity, the courage and the right words to share the truth with \_\_\_\_\_. (Col. 4:3-6; Eph. 6:19-20)
- Lord, I pray that \_\_\_\_\_ turns from his/her sin and follows Christ. (Acts 17:30-31, I Thess. 1:9-10)
- Lord, I pray that \_\_\_\_\_ would put all his/her trust in Christ. (John 1:12; 5:24)
- Lord, I pray that \_\_\_\_\_ will confess Christ as Lord, take root and grow in faith and bear much fruit for your glory. (Rom. 10:9-10; Col. 2:6-7, Luke 8:15)

*Using this pattern, pray the following whole verses for people. Pray the actual words of the scripture as much as possible – pray the verse but apply it and personalize it to specific individuals, families, groups, peoples, nations.*

- Deuteronomy 4:29
- 1 Chronicles 28:9
- Psalms 9:10
- Psalms 19:1-3
- Proverbs 8:17
- Isaiah 55:6
- Jeremiah 29:13
- Matthew 7:13-14
- Luke 13:24
- John 6:65
- Romans 2:4
- 2 Corinthians 2:11
- 2 Corinthians 4:4
- 2 Corinthians 7:10
- 1 Timothy 2:4
- 2 Timothy 2:26



## Church Planting Basics: Go – Be Like Christ

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Church planters must be like Christ. Christ gave His life to draw everyone to Him for the glory of God the Father. In the same way, church planters give their lives to draw people to Christ all for the glory of God.

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### SCRIPTURE

#### John 12:20-33

**DISCOVERY** – *Do NOT teach these following truths - ask questions until they discover the basic idea that “ Jesus Christ came to give his life to draw all people to Himself for the Father’s glory.”*

Ask:

- **What did Jesus come to do?**
- **What happened because Christ came?**
- **Why did he do it?**
- **What does this passage say that is important?**
- **What does this passage say that challenges you?**
- **Is there something you don’t like in this passage?**
- **Do you have any other questions?**

Once the group discovers these truths, they need to obey what God says in His Word. Help them discover what they need to do to obey these passages.

*OBEDIENCE: Ask questions to help individuals and groups say how they will obey. Help them make specific “I will”... or “we will” statements (or their cultural equivalent). Encourage them to help each other actually obey.*

*Help them move from general to specific –for instance, instead of saying “I will help new churches be biblical in their life and work” they might say “I will help the new group meeting in the Amaree family’s home study these scripture passages by January 30<sup>th</sup> and seek to apply them as they become a church.”*

*At the end – ask them to write down / memorize their obedience statement for their Obedience Action Plan. Then ask them to pray with each other for God to accomplish His plans through them in this area of obedience.*

Ask:

- **To be like Christ, what do I need to change in my life to obey this passage?**
- **What is the price of obeying this passage?**
- **Who do I need to share this passage with?**
- **How does this passage affect how I plant churches?**

SCRIPTURE

**John 20:21, Philippians 2:1-11.**

- **What did Jesus do?**
- **What was His attitude?**
- **What was the result of His doing this?**
- **What does this passage say that is important?**
- **What does this passage say that challenges you?**
- **Is there something you don't like in this passage?**
- **Do you have any other questions?**

For further study

To see an example, look at Paul's life - see 1 Cor 11:1 and 1 Corinthians 9:1-23. Ask Discovery and Obedience Questions

## **Church Planting Basics: Go - Overcoming**

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There are many obstacles and challenges which keep us from obeying the Great Commission. We are afraid. We don't feel that we know enough. We don't understand our part in Christ's work. We feel weak. As church planters we must overcome these obstacles and challenges and others so that we can disciple the lost to Christ and plant churches.

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SCRIPTURE

**Narrative John 4:1-42 - Ask what the main barriers were between Jesus and the woman.**

**Acts 10:9-48 and Acts 1:8.**

- **In Acts 10 what was difficult for Peter to obey?**
- **Who are the "unclean" people in your life?**
- **In Acts 1:8 what was difficult about obeying?**
- **Who are your "Samaritans"?**

**Matthew 28:16-20 and Acts 17:15-34.**

- **What group of people was Matthew written for?**
- **What is the main barrier Matthew 28:18-20 answers?**
- **How did Paul cross barriers in Acts 17?**

**Mark 16:15-16 and Acts 28:1-10.**

- **What is the main "personality" of Mark?**
- **What is the main barrier Mark 16:15-16 answers?**
- **What challengers were overcome in Acts 28?**

**Luke 24:45-49 and Luke 24:13-27.**

- **What group of people was Luke written for?**
- **What is the main barrier Luke 24:45-49 answers?**
- **How did Jesus communicate the truth to the disciples on the road to Emmaus?**

**John 20:21 and Acts 13:1-4.**

- **What is the main barrier John 20:21 answers?**
- **What was the role of the Spirit in Acts 13?**
- **What did the church do in Acts 13?**

*DISCOVERY: Do NOT teach these following truths - ask questions until they discover the basic idea that: "Obedient disciples obey the Great Commission in spite of obstacles and challenges."*

Once the group discovers these truths, they need to obey what God says in His Word. Help them discover what they need to do to obey these passages.

*OBEDIENCE: Ask questions to help individuals and groups say how they will obey. Help them make specific “I will”... or “we will” statements (or their cultural equivalent). Encourage them to help each other actually obey.*

*Help them move from general to specific – for instance, instead of saying “I will help new churches be biblical in their life and work” they might say “I will help the new group meeting in the Amaree family’s home study these scripture passages by January 30<sup>th</sup> and seek to apply them as they become a church.”*

*At the end – ask them to write down / memorize their obedience statement for their Obedience Action Plan. Then ask them to pray with each other for God to accomplish His plans through them in this area of obedience.*

**Ask:**

- **What is keeping me from obeying the Great Commission?**
- **What do I need to change in my life to obey this passage?**
- **What is the price of obeying this passage?**
- **Who do I need to share this passage with?**
- **How does this passage affect how I plant churches?**

## Church Planting Basics: Go – Spiritual Warfare

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Obedient followers of Christ face spiritual warfare. There is no way to escape this reality. We cannot allow spiritual warfare to weaken our resolve or affect our obedience to the commands of Christ. We need to pray without ceasing by putting our trust in God and press on to reach the unreached.

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### SCRIPTURE

Narrative: **Daniel 9-10** (read the word, began to pray, God began to answer but Daniel did not know this and kept praying, God accomplished breakthrough, Daniel was beloved of God)

**Ephesians 6:10-18**

**Matthew 10:16-25**

**2 Corinthians 10:3-6.**

**2 Chronicles 20:1-30**

**Exodus 17:8-16**

DISCOVERY – *Do NOT teach these following truths - ask questions until they discover the basic ideas that:*

- Prayer is the foundation of our work
- Spiritual warfare is normal in church planting.
- We must always put our trust in God.

### Ask:

- **What do these scriptures teach us?**
- **What do these passages say that is important to your life and church planting ministry?**
- **What do these passages say that challenges you?**
- **What does this passage say that you find it hard to accept?**
- **What questions does this passage bring to mind?**

For Further Study:

Prayer (listening and talking to God)

**Look at each verse listed and see how the early church prayed.  
What happened each time after they prayed?**

**Acts: 1:14 / 1:24 / 2:42 / 6:6 / 8:15 / 9:11 / 9:40 / 10:2 / 10:9 / 10:30 / 11:15 / 12:5 / 12:12 / 13:3  
/ 14:23 / 16:16 / 16:25 / 20:36 / 21:5 / 22:17 / 27:29 / 28:8**

Once the group discovers these truths, they need to obey what God says in His Word. Help them discover what they need to do to obey these passages.

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*Help them move from general to specific – for instance, instead of saying “I will help new churches be biblical in their life and work” they might say “I will help the new group meeting in the Amaree family’s home study these scripture passages by January 30<sup>th</sup> and seek to apply them as they become a church.”*

*At the end – ask them to write down / memorize their obedience statement for their Obedience Action Plan. Then ask them to pray with each other for God to accomplish His plans through them in this area of obedience.*

**Ask:**

- **How does your understanding of prayer / spiritual warfare impact your church planting?**
- **What do I need to change in my life to obey this passage?**
- **What is the price of obeying this passage?**
- **Who do I need to share this passage with?**

## **Church Planting Basics: Make Disciples – Do What Jesus Did**

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Jesus came to restore the relationship between mankind and The Father. His death and resurrection paid the price of our sin. His life, however, teaches us how to please God. Followers of Christ should imitate Him. Church planters need to imitate Christ as they make disciples. Observing and imitating Jesus' life is the best way to learn how to be His disciple.

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### SCRIPTURE

Use the passages below as a guide to summarize the things Jesus did as an example to his disciples. It is not necessary to read all these passages within your group. The references are for your convenience or further study. If you have time, you might want to divide among the members of your group and have them report Christ's example to the group. You would have to adjust this exercise for oral communication.

**John 20:21 – As the Father sent me, so I send you.**

**Jesus obeyed God through baptism. (Matt 3:23-17)**

**Jesus resisted temptation. (Matt 4:1-11)**

**Jesus declared 'The Kingdom of Heaven is near.' (Matt 4:12-17)**

**Jesus called others to follow Him. (Matt 4:18-22)**

**Jesus taught them how to live. (Matt 5:1:29)**

**Jesus healed the sick. (Matt 8:1-17)**

**Jesus drove out evil spirits. (Matt 5:28-34)**

**Jesus sent out the disciples. (Matt 10:1-42)**

**Jesus fed the hungry. (Matt 14:13-21)**

**Jesus obeyed the law. (Matt 17:24-27)**

**Jesus taught using stories. (Matt 10:1-35)**

**Jesus obeyed God to the point of death. (Matt 26:36-46, 27:32-56)**

**Jesus commanded His disciples to teach others to obey. (Matt 28:16-20)**

DISCOVERY – Do NOT teach these following truths - ask questions until they discover the basic idea that: "We should do the same things Jesus did as He made disciples."

### Ask:

- **What did Jesus do as He made disciples?**
- **What do these passages say that is important to your life and church planting ministry?**
- **What do these passages say that challenges you?**
- **What does this passage say that you find hard to accept?**
- **What questions does this passage bring to mind?**

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**Ask:**

- **What do I need to change in my life to obey this passage?**
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- **Who do I need to share this passage with?**
- **How does this passage affect how I plant churches?**

## **Church Planting Basics: Make Disciples – How We Are Sent**

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We must imitate Christ as we make disciples. We must also obey His commands. One of the simplest passages on church planting is Luke 10. In this passage Jesus instructs His disciples on how they should go to a community.

The Luke 10 passage is an important part of a church planting strategy that prepares the way for a move of the Holy Spirit called a church planting movement.

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### Reminder

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### SCRIPTURE

#### **Luke 10:1-20**

DISCOVERY – Do NOT teach these following truths - ask questions until they discover the basic idea that: “Jesus tells us how we should go.”

- Go
- Pray
- Focus
- Bring Peace
- Remain in the Same House
- Eat and Drink what is offered
- Do not move around
- Heal the sick
- Proclaim ‘The Kingdom of God is near.’
- When not welcome – shake the dust of the town off your feet.

#### Ask:

- **What things did Jesus tell the disciples to do ask they went out into the community?**
- **What happened when the disciples obeyed Jesus?**
- **What does this passage say that is important?**
- **What does this passage say that challenges you?**
- **Is there anything in this passage that you struggle with?**
- **Do you have any other questions?**

Once the group discovers these truths, they need to obey what God says in His Word. Help them discover what they need to do to obey these passages.

*OBEDIENCE: Ask questions to help individuals and groups say how they will obey. Help them make specific “I will”... or “we will” statements (or their cultural equivalent). Encourage them to help each other actually obey.*

Help them think making disciples according to Christ’s instructions in Luke 10:

- I will Go.

- I will pray for workers.
- I will focus/avoid distractions.
- I will bring peace.
- I will remain in the same house.
- I will not move from house to house.
- I will eat and drink what is offered.
- I will heal the sick.
- I will proclaim ‘The Kingdom of Heaven.’
- I will leave when I am not welcomed into the community.

*Help them move from general to specific – for instance, where and with whom will they be trying to do these actions?*

*At the end – ask them to write down / memorize their obedience statement for their Obedience Action Plan. Then ask them to pray with each other for God to accomplish His plans through them in this area of obedience.*

**Ask:**

- **What do I need to change in my life to obey this passage?**
- **What is the price of obeying this passage?**
- **Who do I need to share this passage with?**
- **How does this passage affect how I plant churches?**

## **Church Planting Basics: Make Disciples – Find the Person of Peace**

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In our enthusiasm for Christ and planting churches we often share the Gospel with people who are not ready to receive it. Consequently, Satan manipulates the situation to inoculate entire communities against the Good News of the Kingdom. In these situations, the church planter is often chased out of the community, beaten, or killed.

But if we follow the patten of Luke 9, 10 and Matthew 10, we look for the person God prepared to receive the Good News of The Kingdom. After a person of peace and their family is disciplined, they receive the Gospel with joy and often open up entire communities to the Good News.

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### SCRIPTURE

**Luke 9:1-16, Luke 10:1-20, Matthew 10:5-20**

**Acts 13:1-4, Acts 16:11-15**

DISCOVERY – *Do NOT teach these following truth - ask questions until they discover the basic idea that: “Jesus sent the disciples out to look for persons of peace.”*

### Ask:

- **What does Jesus commanded his disciples to do?**
- **Who were the disciples supposed to stay with?**
- **What were the characteristics of the people the disciples stayed with?**
- **What happened when the disciples stayed with a person of peace or worthy person?**
- **What does this passage say that is important?**
- **What does this passage say that challenges you?**
- **What does this passage say that bothers you?**
- **What questions does this passage bring to mind?**

Once the group discovers these truths, they need to obey what God says in His Word. Help them discover what they need to do to obey these passages.

*OBEDIENCE: Ask questions to help individuals and groups say how they will obey. Help them make specific “I will”... or “we will” statements (or their cultural equivalent). Encourage them to help each other actually obey.*

*Help them move from general to specific – for instance, instead of saying “I will look for persons of peace” help them think about how they can specifically look for persons of peace.*

*At the end – ask them to write down / memorize their obedience statement for their Obedience Action Plan. Then ask them to pray with each other for God to accomplish His plans through them in this area of obedience.*

**Ask:**

- **How does this passage affect how I plant churches?**
- **What are different ways I can find persons of peace?**
- **What do I need to change in my life to obey this passage?**
- **What is the price of obeying this passage?**
- **Who do I need to share this passage with?**

## **Church Planting Basics: Make Disciples – Appropriate Evangelism**

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In II Corinthians 4:7 the Apostle Paul tells us that the treasure of the Gospel is presented in “earthen vessels.” The thought is that making disciples only happens from one human being to another. Part of the challenge of Gospel communication is that it be fully understandable in the language, culture and worldview of the listener.

The challenge includes language and culture, but it also includes how, when, where and to whom the message is shared. For example, whether it is shared in the context of families or individual

It includes the challenge of how a new disciple learns and remembers things. Many people learn best from hearing...some from reading...some from seeing.

God is interested in breaking down barriers so that ordinary people can be transformed into extraordinary disciples and leaders. In fact the language of the New Testament was the most common “street” language of the time—not the language of higher education—it was appropriate for the masses. Jesus and Paul are great examples of how to communicate appropriately with different types of people

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### Reminder

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### SCRIPTURE

The Gospels: Based on the life of Jesus consider the following questions

- Based on Jesus’ lifestyle, what can we learn about Jesus ministry.
- What were some of the things that Jesus did to communicate to some sorts of people, that offended the religious leaders of the time. What do we learn from these things.
- What do you think are the reasons that Jesus did much of his teaching by telling stories

Apostolic Preaching: Read the following accounts of Peter and Paul speaking to different types of people  
Acts 2 Peter’s Sermon to Jews in Jerusalem on the Day of Pentecost

Acts 17:18-34 Paul’s Sermon to pagans in Athens

- What differences do you see in how the Gospel was shared with these different types of people
- How did these differences help make the message clear to each group
- How did the apostles utilize opportunities and the setting to do “appropriate evangelism”
- These two cases were public proclamation of the Gospel. In terms of the whole New Testament, how common was this method of communicating the Gospel?

I Cor. 9:19-23

- How do Paul’s words here help us to understand how he viewed culture, and what that required him to do in order to be an effective ambassador of the Gospel in different cultures?

John 4:1-30, 39-42

- In this encounter with a Samaritan woman which of his actions might have deeply offended the traditional Jewish religious leaders

- What appears to be the reasons that Jesus broke with Jewish culture in order to engage this woman in dialogue
- What was the ultimate result of this encounter?

Luke 10:7

- When Jesus sent the seventy disciples out he told them not to go from house to house but to stay in the same house. What does this suggest about “appropriate evangelism.”

DISCOVERY – *Do NOT teach these following truth - ask questions until they discover the basic idea that: “Jesus sent the disciples out to look for persons of peace.”*

**Ask:**

- **What does Jesus commanded his disciples to do?**
- **Who were the disciples supposed to stay with?**
- **What were the characteristics of the people the disciples stayed with?**
- **What happened when the disciples stayed with a person of peace or worthy person?**
- **What does this passage say that is important?**
- **What does this passage say that challenges you?**
- **What does this passage say that bothers you?**
- **What questions does this passage bring to mind?**

Once the group discovers these truths, they need to obey what God says in His Word. Help them discover what they need to do to obey these passages.

*OBEDIENCE: Ask questions to help individuals and groups say how they will obey. Help them make specific “I will”... or “we will” statements (or their cultural equivalent). Encourage them to help each other actually obey.*

*Help them move from general to specific – for instance, instead of saying “I will look for persons of peace” help them think about how they can specifically look for persons of peace.*

*At the end – ask them to write down / memorize their obedience statement for their Obedience Action Plan. Then ask them to pray with each other for God to accomplish His plans through them in this area of obedience.*

**Ask:**

- **How does this passage affect how I plant churches?**
- **What are different ways I can find persons of peace?**
- **What do I need to change in my life to obey this passage?**
- **What is the price of obeying this passage?**
- **Who do I need to share this passage with?**

## **Church Planting Basics: Make Disciples of All People**

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In the previous discovery lesson we learned that Jesus gave up his rights as Creator God to take the form of a human so that he could walk among us, and demonstrate the love of God firsthand. He gave up the “culture” of his heavenly home to take the form of a human, to live among us, and to teach us how our own cultures can be redeemed and transformed. From Genesis to Revelation, there is a recurring theme—that the glory of God must be revealed among every tribe, language, people, and nation. Jesus said that he would not return again until the Gospel of the Kingdom has been proclaimed among every people group. He gives us the challenge to leave the familiarity of our own cultures for the purpose of introducing the Gospel in different cultures and among people different from ourselves.

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### Reminder

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*SCRIPTURE DISCOVERY – Do NOT teach these following truth - ask questions until they discover the basic idea that “Making disciples of every people means taking the Gospel of the Kingdom into different cultures and languages, not requiring people to adopt our own culture and language.”*

### **Matthew 28:16-20**

**In Matthew 28 who are we discipling?**

**How is discipling an ethane different from discipling individuals?**

### **Mt. 24:14**

**What must happen before the end comes?**

### **Revelation 7:9-12**

**Who will be before the throne?**

**How did they get there?**

**What will they be doing?**

**What is the result?**

### **Gal. 3:26-29**

**How does God view people of different cultures and situations?**

**What is God’s promise to Abraham (Gen 12:1-3)**

### **I Cor. 9:19-23**

**How does Paul relate to people of different cultures?**

**Why does he do this?**

### **Acts 15:1-29**

**What was the problem in Acts 15?**

**What were some of the Jewish believers trying to impose on the Gentile believers (v 5)**

**What did the Holy Spirit want in this situation?**

Apply:

- **How can you disciple other peoples?**

- **How do you view / feel about people of other cultures?**
- **How do these passages affect who I share the gospel with?**
- **How does God want to change any of this?**
- **Have you seen a Christian group forcing its culture on new believers?**
- **Have you been part of a Christian group forcing its culture on new believers?**
- **Have you had Christian culture forced on you? How did you feel?**
- **What parts of your culture do you need to give up to reach people from other cultures?**

Once the group discovers these truths, they need to obey what God says in His Word. Help them discover what they need to do to obey these passages.

*OBEDIENCE: Ask questions to help individuals and groups say how they will obey. Help them make specific "I will"... or "we will" statements (or their cultural equivalent). Encourage them to help each other actually obey.*

*Help them try to be specific not just general – how will they seek to disciple other cultural groups?*

*At the end – ask them to write down / memorize their obedience statement for their Obedience Action Plan. Then ask them to pray with each other for God to accomplish His plans through them in this area of obedience.*

**Ask:**

- **How can you disciple other ethnic?**
- **How do you view / feel about people of other cultures (tribes, races, classes, languages)?**
- **How do these passages affect who I share the gospel with?**
- **How does God want to change how I relate to people from other cultures?**
- **Have you seen a Christian group forcing its culture on new believers?**
- **Have you been part of a Christian group forcing its culture on new believers?**
- **Have you had Christian culture forced on you? How did you feel?**
- **What parts of your culture do you need to give up to reach people from other cultures?**
- **What do I need to change in my life to obey these passages?**
- **What is the price of obeying this passage?**
- **How does this passage affect how I plant churches?**
- **Who do I need to share this passage with?**

## Church Planting Basics: Baptized

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Followers of Christ are not meant to walk alone. Community is very important. The way we relate to one another is as important as our individual choices. Christian community is a powerful witness in the midst of a dying world. Baptism is a powerful symbol of community.

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### Reminder

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### SCRIPTURE

**Matthew 28:19-20;**  
**1 Corinthians 12:12**  
**Romans 6:1-14**

DISCOVERY – Do NOT teach these following truths - ask questions until they discover the basic ideas that:

1. We are commanded to baptize new believers
2. We are baptized by the Spirit into One Body.
3. Jesus is building His church and giving us power.
4. The characteristics of the early church.

### Ask:

- **In Matthew 28:19 who is commanded to baptize?**
- **What does this passage say that is important?**
- **What does this passage say that challenges you?**
- **What questions does this passage bring to mind?**
  
- **In 1 Cor 12:12, what is the result of being baptized?**
- **What does this passage say that is important?**
- **What does this passage say that challenges you?**
- **What questions does this passage bring to mind?**
  
- **What do we learn about the meaning of baptism from Romans 6?**
- **What does this passage say that is important?**
- **What does this passage say that challenges you?**
- **What questions does this passage bring to mind?**

Once the group discovers these truths, they need to obey what God says in His Word. Help them discover what they need to do to obey these passages.

*OBEDIENCE: Ask questions to help individuals and groups say how they will obey. Help them make specific “I will”... or “we will” statements (or their cultural equivalent). Encourage them to help each other actually obey.*

*Help them move from general to specific – how do they need to obey these commands in specific situations?*

*At the end – ask them to write down / memorize their obedience statement for their Obedience Action Plan. Then ask them to pray with each other for God to accomplish His plans through them in this area of obedience.*

**Ask:**

- **What do I need to change in my life to obey this passage?**
- **What is the price of obeying this passage?**
- **Who do I need to share this passage with?**
- **How does this passage affect how I plant churches?**

## **Church Planting Basics: Baptized – Metaphors of the Church**

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One of the critical functions of a church planter is to guide groups of baptized believers to becoming churches. In order to do so, church planters must understand the metaphors of the church and what they mean?

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### **SCRIPTURE**

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### **DISCOVERY: Metaphors of church:**

Narrative: Tell 1 Peter 2:4-10 in a picturesque way

[include how what Christ is we then become (cornerstone-living stones / High Priest – holy priesth

The Sacrifice – we become sacrifices / then on to chosen generation, God’s own people)

***Do NOT teach these following truths - ask questions until they discover the basic metaphors of church and what they mean.***

Ask:

- What are the metaphors of Church in each passage?
- What do each of these mean for us as the church?
- What is the result in the world of the church being like these metaphors?

- Ephesians 1:15-23 / Romans 12:3-8 / 1 Corinthians 12:12-31 (Body of Christ)
- Ephesians 5:22-32 (Bride of Christ)
- 1 Timothy 3:14-15 (God’s Household, Pillar And Foundation Of The Truth)
- 1 Corinthians 3:9-17 (Temple of the Holy Spirit)
- 1 Peter 2:4-10 (Living Stones, God’s Priesthood on Earth, Temple of Holy Spirit, Holy nation – holy means set apart, etc.)

Once the group discovers these truths, they need to obey what God says in His Word. Help them discover what they need to do to obey these passages.

***OBEDIENCE: Ask questions to help individuals and groups say how they will obey. Help them make specific “I will”... or “we will” statements (or their cultural equivalent). Encourage them to help each other actually obey.***

***Help them move from general to specific – for instance, instead of saying “I will help new churches be biblical in their life and work” they might say “I will help the new group meeting in the Amaree family’s home study these scripture passages by January 30<sup>th</sup> and seek to apply them as they become a church.”***

***At the end – ask them to write down / memorize their obedience statement for their Obedience Action Plan. Then ask them to pray with each other for God to accomplish His plans through them in this area of obedience.***

Ask:

- How can I help new churches understand and obey the Bible in the way they are a church?
- What does your church need to change to obey these passages?
- What is the price of obeying this passage?
- Who do I need to share this passage with?
- How does this passage affect how I plant churches?

## Church Planting Basics: Baptize – Nature of the Church

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One of the critical functions of a church planter is to guide groups of baptized believers to becoming churches. In order to do so, church planters must understand the nature of church.

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### Reminder

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### SCRIPTURE

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### DISCOVERY – Nature of Church

***Do NOT teach these following truths - ask questions until they discover the basic nature of the church and what these truths mean.***

Ask:

- What is the nature of the Church in each passage?
- What do each of these mean for us as the church?
- What is the result in the world of the church being like this?
  
- Matthew 16:18 (Belongs to Christ)
- Matthew 16:18 / Ephesians 2:19-22 (Built on Foundation of Apostles, Prophets, & Christ)
- Matthew 18:15-18 / Acts 5:11 / 1 Corinthians 1:2 / Ephesians 5:22-32 (Holy)
- Galatians 3:26-28 / Revelation 5:9 / Revelation 7:9 / Ephesians 2:11-22 (Universal)
- John 17:20-23 / 1 Corinthians 1:10 / Ephesians 4:1-6 (United)
- Acts 13:1-3 / 1 Corinthians 12:1-30 (Led, Empowered, and Gifted by the Holy Spirit)

Once the group discovers these truths, they need to obey what God says in His Word. Help them discover what they need to do to obey these passages.

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***Help them move from general to specific – for instance, instead of saying “I will help new churches be biblical in their life and work” they might say “I will help the new group meeting in the Amaree family’s home study these scripture passages by January 30<sup>th</sup> and begin seeking to apply them as they become a church.”***

***At the end – ask them to write down / memorize their obedience statement for their Obedience Action Plan. Then ask them to pray with each other for God to accomplish His plans through them in this area of obedience.***

Ask:

- How can I help new churches understand and obey the Bible in the way they are a church?
- What does your church need to change to obey these passages?
- What is the price of obeying this passage?
- Who do I need to share this passage with?
- How does this passage affect how I plant churches?

## **Church Planting Basics: Baptized – Functions of the Church**

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One of the critical functions of a church planter is to guide groups of baptized believers to becoming churches. In order to do so, church planters must understand the functions of church.

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### SCRIPTURE

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### DISCOVERY – Functions of Church

*Do NOT teach these following truths - ask questions until they discover the basic functions of church and what they mean.*

#### Ask:

- **What are the functions of Church in each passage?**
- **What do these mean for us as the church?**
- **What is the result in the world of the church doing these functions?**

### Acts 2:42-47

#### **Make a list of each thing the church did in Acts 2.**

1. Teaching
2. Fellowship
3. Sharing -- Sharing in Meals (Lord's Supper) / Shared Everything / Sold property and Possessions and Shared with those in Need
4. Prayer
5. Worship / Awe / Praise – worshiped daily at Temple
6. Miraculous Signs and Wonders
7. Met together, met in homes (for Lord's Supper)
8. Favor of people and God added those who were saved

#### For Further Study

1. Teaching: Mt 28:18-20 / Acts 2:42-47 / 1 Corinthians 14:26 / 2 Tim. 2:2 / 2 Tim. 4:2
2. Fellowship and Encouragement: Acts 2:42-47 / 1 Thessalonians 5:11 / Hebrews 10:24-25
3. Sharing - Taking Care of Each Others' Needs: 1 Cor 16:1-4, 2 Corinthians 8:1-5, Galatians 6:9-10
4. Praying: Acts 12:5 / Acts 14:23 / James 5:14  
Fasting: Matthew 6:16-18 / Matthew 9:14-15 / Acts 13:1-3 / Acts 14:2
5. Worship: Acts 13:1-3 / 1 Peter 2:1-10  
Reverence and Awe: 1 Corinthians 11:17-34 / Hebrews 12:28-29

6. Miraculous Signs and Wonders - Acts 5:12, Acts 19:11, 2 Cor 12:12
7. Lord's Supper: 1 Corinthians 10:14-22 / 1 Corinthians 11:17-34
8. People Saved: Acts 5:14, 8:12, 9:42, 11:21, 14:2, 17:12

Also: Discipline: Matthew 18:15-18 / 1 Corinthians 5:1-13 / 2 Corinthians 2:5-11

For Further Study - 1 Chronicles 16 - make list of everything the people of God are supposed to do. (do it in a group)

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*Help them move from general to specific – for instance, instead of saying "I will help new churches be biblical in their life and work" they might say "I will help the new group meeting in the Amaree family's home study these scripture passages by January 30<sup>th</sup> and seek to apply them as they become a church."*

*At the end – ask them to write down / memorize their obedience statement for their Obedience Action Plan. Then ask them to pray with each other for God to accomplish His plans through them in this area of obedience.*

**Ask:**

- **How can I help new churches understand and obey the Bible in the way they are a church?**
- **What does your church need to change to obey these passages?**
- **What is the price of obeying this passage?**
- **Who do I need to share this passage with?**
- **How does this passage affect how I plant churches?**

## Church Planting Basics: Leadership in the Church

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Church (spiritual) leaders are servants. They take look after the church (people of God) just as Christ looks after all Christians around the world. In fact, God has some pretty strong words for some shepherds who chose to feed themselves from their flock. As a church planter, you must model servant leadership and teach church (spiritual) leaders to do the same by being a model for them practically.

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### Reminder

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### SCRIPTURE

**Ezekiel 34, 1 Peter 5:1-11, Matthew 23:1-39**

*DISCOVERY – Do NOT teach these following truth - ask questions until they discover the basic idea that “ Disciples serve those they lead.”*

#### Ask:

- **What was God saying about leaders in Ezek 34?**
- **What was the weakness of the leaders? (Ezek 34, Matt 23:5-7)**
- **What is the consequence of bad leadership? (Ezek 34, Matt 23:15-36)**
- **What are the characteristics of a good leader? (1 Pet 5:1-11, Matt 23:8:14)**
- **What are the rewards of a good leadership? (1 Pet 5:4, Matt 23:12)**

Once the group discovers these truths, they need to obey what God says in His Word. Help them discover what they need to do to obey these passages.

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*Help them move from general to specific –for instance, instead of saying “I will help new churches be leaders biblical in their life and work” they might say “I will help the leaders of the new group meeting in the Amaree family’s home study these scripture passages by January 30<sup>th</sup> and seek to apply them as they become a church.”*

*At the end – ask them to write down / memorize their obedience statement for their Obedience Action Plan. Then ask them to pray with each other for God to accomplish His plans through them in this area of obedience.*

#### Ask:

- **What do I need to change in my life to be a good leader?**
- **What are the challenges that prevent me to be a leader like God wants me to be?**
- **What are some of the practical steps that I need to take now to be a good leader.**
- **Is there any price that I need to pay to obey this passage?**
- **Who do I need to share this passage with?**

- **How does this passage affect how I plant churches?**

## **Church Planting Basics: Teach to Obey - Scripture**

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Church planters come and go, but the Word of God never fades away. Establishing the authority of Scripture is an extremely important part of the church planting process. In the presence of the Holy Spirit the Word of God is the central source of wisdom, guidance, and truth for all Christ Followers. Making disciples and equipping church planters must be grounded in knowing and obeying God's word.

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### SCRIPTURE

**Matthew 28:18-20 Teaching them to obey...**

**Key Narrative: Nehemiah 8:1- 9:1,2 (reference the covenant that followed with practical obedience)**

- **Nehemiah 8 and 9 record the Jews rediscovery of the Scriptures and a resulting obedience-based movement that lasted for multiple generations.**
  - **What did Ezra and his helpers do to help the people understand and obey God's word**
  - **What do we learn here about how to effectively share the word of God so that all people can understand and obey God's Word?**
  - **What was the role of heads of household in the process?**
  - **What do we learn about the relationship between confession of sin, commitment to obedience and spiritual renewal**

**Key Narrative Passage: Acts 8:26-40**

- **Describe how the guidance and empowering of the Holy Spirit combined with the instruction of the Word of God in Philip's ministry to the Ethiopian**
- **What do we learn about the role of helping people understand God's Word in making disciples? conversion and church planting?**

### **Supplemental Reading**

**Acts 2 (see the mixture of the Holy Spirit and Word on the Day of Pentecost**

**Acts 17:10-15**

**Hebrews 5:12-14**

### DISCOVERY:

Authority of Scripture and authority of the Holy Spirit are all you need to start churches.

Ask:

- What does this passage say about the authority of God's Word?
- What does this passage say about the authority of the Holy Spirit?
- What does this passage say that is important?
- What does this passage say that challenges you?
- What does this passage say that bothers you?
- What questions does this passage bring to mind?

Once the group discovers these truths, they need to obey what God says in His Word. Help them discover what they need to do to obey these passages.

*OBEDIENCE: Ask questions to help individuals and groups say how they will obey. Help them make specific “I will”... or “we will” statements (or their cultural equivalent). Encourage them to help each other actually obey.*

*Help them move from general to specific – for instance, instead of saying “I will help new churches be biblical in their life and work” they might say “I will help the new group meeting in the Amaree family’s home study these scripture passages by January 30<sup>th</sup> and seek to apply them as they become a church.”*

*At the end – ask them to write down / memorize their obedience statement for their Obedience Action Plan. Then ask them to pray with each other for God to accomplish His plans through them in this area of obedience.*

Ask:

- How does this passage affect how I plant churches?
- What do I need to change in my life to obey this passage?
- What is the price of obeying this passage?
- Who do I need to share this passage with?

## Church Planting Basics: Obey and Teach Obedience

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We've come full circle. In lesson one you learned that church planters must obey God's Word. Your love for Christ is expressed through your obedience. In this lesson you learn that teaching others to obey is your responsibility as well. You must always obey; you must always teach others to do so as well. This is the most important portion of the Great Commission command and a vital part of the church planting process.

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### Reminder

Before you begin, remind the group that you are involved in a discovery process. Together, you want to discover the clearest meaning of the each passage. If necessary, remind group members to avoid referencing outside resources and other passages of Scripture.

### SCRIPTURE

#### **Narrative: 1 Samuel 15:1-35**

*DISCOVERY – Do NOT teach these following truth - ask questions until they discover the basic idea that: “when you obey and teach obedience to God’s Word, God will bless you.”*

**Deut 6:1-8;**  
**Matthew 28:16-20**  
**Matthew 22:36-40,**  
**John 15:4-14**

For Further Study:

**Deut 28:1-14**  
**Psalm 1:1-3**

### Ask:

- **What do these passages teach about obedience?**
- **What do these passages teach about disobedience?**
- **What is your responsibility?**
- **What are the curses of disobedience?**
- **What are the blessings of obedience?**
- **What is the most important part of these passages?**
- **What does this passage say that challenges you?**
- **Do you have any other questions?**

*OBEDIENCE: Ask questions to help individuals and groups say how they will obey. Help them make specific “I will”... or “we will” statements (or their cultural equivalent). Encourage them to help each other actually obey.*

*Help them move from general to specific – for instance, instead of saying “I will teach others to obey” help them think about who they will seek to help obey and when and how.*

*At the end – ask them to write down / memorize their obedience statement for their Obedience Action Plan. Then ask them to pray with each other for God to accomplish His plans through them in this area of obedience.*

**Ask:**

- **What do I need to change in my life to obey?**
- **Who do I need to teach to obey?**
- **What is the price of obeying this passage?**
- **How does this passage affect how I plant churches?**
- **Who do I need to share this passage with?**

## Church Planting Rediscovering Church: Church

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For those church planters coming out of institutional churches there is a need to help them rediscover the biblical view of the church's life and practice. The following passages will help them compare their current church and a biblical view of the church and its value.

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### Reminder

Before you begin, remind the group that you are involved in a discovery process. Together, you want to discover the clearest meaning of the each passage. If necessary, remind group members to avoid referencing outside resources and other passages of Scripture.

### SCRIPTURE

**John 20:21-23; Philippians 2:1-11; 1 Corinthians 9:19-23; Matthew 23:8-15; Amos 5:21-24**

DISCOVERY – Do NOT try to teach about the church from these passages - ask questions until they discover basic differences between God's values and the world's values

### Ask:

- **Make a list of as many as possible elements of your church background that are cultural rather than Gospel. Discuss this with others in your group.**
- **Make a list of as many aspects of your church culture that are different from the culture of those you are trying to reach. Discuss this with others in your group.**
- **How are you going to remove your church culture from your church plants?**
- **What is the hardest part of your church culture to keep from getting into your church plants?**
- **What does this passage say that challenges you?**
- **What questions does this passage bring to mind?**

Once the group discovers these truths, they need to obey what God says in His Word. Help them discover what they need to do to obey these passages.

*OBEDIENCE: Ask questions to help individuals and groups say how they will obey. Help them make specific "I will"... or "we will" statements (or their cultural equivalent). Encourage them to help each other actually obey.*

*Help them move from general to specific items they will do. At the end – ask them to write down / memorize their obedience statement for their Obedience Action Plan. Then ask them to pray with each other for God to accomplish His plans through them in this area of obedience.*

### Ask:

- **What do I need to change in my life to obey these passages?**
  - **What is the price of obeying these passages?**
  - **Who do I need to share these passages with?**
  - **How does these passages affect how I plant churches?**
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Additional Exercise (you can do this at the beginning of the lesson or at whatever time it is appropriate)

Make a list of as many possible elements, programs, equipment, staff, etc that would be present for the biggest and most complete church possible. If there are small groups challenge them to come up with more items than the other groups.

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Now assume that your church is under a period of intense persecution, Which elements of the list above are not necessary and which are absolutely essential – they MUST be present for a church to exist.

## **Church Planting Rediscovering Church: Make Disciples, Not Converts**

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It is important to make disciples to Christ not converts to religion. For those who have been part of traditional churches (not yet a part of a rapid movement), they are often more involved in religion than relationship.

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### Reminder

Before you begin, remind the group that you are involved in a discovery process. Together, you want to discover the clearest meaning of the each passage. If necessary, remind group members to avoid referencing outside resources and other passages of Scripture.

### SCRIPTURE

**Matthew 28:16-20; Matthew 15:1-20; Matt 23:1-36; Luke 18:18-30**

Supporting passages – **1Cor 11:1, , 2Tim 3:10-12; Matt 4:18-22; Mark 1:14-20**

*DISCOVERY: Do NOT teach these following truths - ask questions until they discover the basic idea that “Jesus wants us to make disciples of Christ, not converts to religion.”*

### Ask:

- **What is a disciple mean?**
- **What do these passages say about making disciples?**
- **What is the difference between a disciple and a convert?**
- **In what way does Paul advice Timothy to follow his example? (2Tim 3:10-12)**
- **What do these passages say that is important?**
- **What do these passages say that challenge you?**
- **What questions do these passages bring to mind?**

Once the group discovers these truths, they need to obey what God says in His Word. Help them discover what they need to do to obey these passages.

*OBEDIENCE: Ask questions to help individuals and groups say how they will obey. Help them make specific “I will”... or “we will” statements (or their cultural equivalent). Encourage them to help each other actually obey.*

*Help them move from general to specific items they will do. At the end – ask them to write down / memorize their obedience statement for their Obedience Action Plan. Then ask them to pray with each other for God to accomplish His plans through them in this area of obedience.*

### Ask:

- **What do I need to change in my life to obey these passages?**
- **What is the price of obeying what God saying in order to be a good disciple?**
- **What are some of the traditions in my context that hinder some one from becoming a good disciple?**

- **Who do I need to share these passages with?**
- **How do these passages affect how I plant churches?**

## **Church Planting Rediscovering Church: Five-fold Leadership**

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For church planters coming out of institutional churches (not yet a part of a rapid movement) there is a need to rediscover the biblical view of church leadership. The following passages will help them rediscover the fivefold leadership of the church.

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### Reminder

Before you begin, remind the group that you are involved in a discovery process. Together, you want to discover the clearest meaning of the each passage. If necessary, remind group members to avoid referencing outside resources and other passages of Scripture.

### SCRIPTURE

#### **Ephesians 4:11-15**

#### **Supporting Passages: Gal. 2:8; 1 Cor 12:4-31**

*DISCOVERY: Do NOT teach these following truths - ask questions until they discover the basic idea that "God has given 5 gifts for equipping the church."*

#### **Ask:**

- **What are the five ministries in Ephesians 4?**
- **What is the purpose of each of the five different ministry functions?**
- **What are the ministry functions designed to produce in the saints?**
- **Which types of ministry are useful for sharing the Gospel in new communities?**
- **Which types of ministry function are useful in supporting the growth of the local church?**
- **What effect does the proper exercise of leadership gifts have on individual Christians?**
- **How does this model compare to your current church situation?**

Once the group discovers these truths, they need to obey what God says in His Word. Help them discover what they need to do to obey these passages.

*OBEDIENCE: Ask questions to help individuals and groups say how they will obey. Help them make specific "I will"... or "we will" statements (or their cultural equivalent). Encourage them to help each other actually obey.*

*Help them move from general to specific items they will do. At the end – ask them to write down / memorize their obedience statement for their Obedience Action Plan. Then ask them to pray with each other for God to accomplish His plans through them in this area of obedience.*

#### **Ask:**

- **What is the gift or gifts that God has put in my life?**
- **How can I put in practice the gifts that God has given me?**
- **In what way can I help the community of believers to equip for ministry with the gifts that God has given me?**
- **How can I help other believers to apply their gifting for the benefit of believers?**
- **What is the price of obeying these passages?**

- **Who do I need to share these passages with?**
- **How do these passages affect how I plant churches?**

## Church Planting Rediscovering Church: Tentmaking

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One of the key questions in missions today is the question of the church planters being “tentmakers” – those like Paul who have a paying job other than being paid as a church planter. .

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### Reminder

Before you begin, remind the group that you are involved in a discovery process. Together, you want to discover the clearest meaning of the each passage. If necessary, remind group members to avoid referencing outside resources and other passages of Scripture.

### SCRIPTURE

**1 Cor 9:1-23; Acts 20:32-35; 2 Theses 3:6-15; 1 Tim 5:17-18**

*DISCOVERY – Do NOT teach these following truths - ask questions until they discover the basic idea that “being self-supported is a preferred biblical model for sent ones.”*

### Ask:

- **What does this passage say about funding? Burdening others? Causing dependency?**
- **What does this passage say that is important?**
- **What does this passage say that challenges you?**
- **What questions does this passage bring to mind?**

Once the group discovers these truths, they need to obey what God says in His Word. Help them discover what they need to do to obey these passages.

*OBEDIENCE: Ask questions to help individuals and groups say how they will obey. Help them make specific “I will”... or “we will” statements (or their cultural equivalent). Encourage them to help each other actually obey.*

*Help them move from general to specific items they will do. At the end – ask them to write down / memorize their obedience statement for their Obedience Action Plan. Then ask them to pray with each other for God to accomplish His plans through them in this area of obedience.*

### Ask:

- **What do I need to change in my life to obey these passages?**
- **What is the price of obeying these passages?**
- **Who do I need to share these passages with?**
- **How does these passages affect how I plant churches?**

### Additional Study

Vocations in the New Testament

- **Jesus as carpenter (Mark 6:3)**

- **Landholders such as Barnabas (Acts 4:34–37), Ananias and Sapphires (5:1–11), Manson (21:16) and Publics (28:7–10).**
- **Medical workers including Luke (Acts 1:1; see also Col. 4:14; 2 Tim. 4:11).**
- **Lecturers and teachers such as Stephen (Acts 6:8–10), Philip (8:4–5), Priscilla and Aquila (18:26), Apollos (18:24–28), and of course Peter, Paul, and the other apostles.**
- **Government officials and civic leaders, including the Ethiopian treasurer (8:26–40), Saul before his conversion (8:3; 9:1–2; 26:9–11), the proconsul Sergius Paulus (13:6–12), a Philippians jailer (16:22–34), Dionysius (17:34), and Crispus (18:8).**
- **Others:**
  - **Dorcas, who possibly worked in the tailoring and garment industry (9:36–42).**
  - **Simon, employed in leather tanning (9:43).**
  - **Cornelius, a centurion from the Italian Regiment of the Roman military (10:1–48).**
  - **Rhoda, a domestic (12:12–17).**
  - **Lydia, who manufactured, imported, and exported clothing for the rich (16:13–15, 40).**
  - **Tentmakers Priscilla and Aquila, Paul (18:1–3).**

## Church Planting Strategy: Equipping Leaders

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### Scripture 1:

Barnabas Mentoring Paul

- Befriended Saul (Paul) as a new believer (Acts 9:26–27).
- Recruited a forgotten Saul from his home in Tarsus to help serve the new church at Antioch (11:25–26).
- Helped lead church in prayer, fasting, and decision-making. Result: Barnabas and Paul went to bring the gospel to the Gentiles (13:1–3).
- Moved Paul to the forefront of leadership. “Barnabas and Saul” (13:7) became “Paul and his party” (13:13).
- Contended with ethnic hostility, personal attacks, and idol worship (13:46–14:20).
- Resisted well-meaning but misguided attempts at Lystra to make him and Paul into gods of Greek culture (14:8–18).
- Took the lead with Paul in defending Gentile believers before the Jerusalem church council (15:1–4, 12).
- Stood up to Paul over a negative assessment of young John Mark (15:36–38).
- Gave John Mark a second chance, taking him with him to Cyprus (15:39). He was vindicated several years later when Paul described John Mark as “useful to me for ministry” (2 Tim. 4:11).

### Supporting Passage(s):

- Jethro and Moses – Exodus 18
- Moses and Joshua – Dt 31:1-8; 34:9
- Deborah and Barak – Judges 4:4-16
- Naomi and Ruth – Ruth 1:1-4
- Eli and Samuel (1 Sam 1:1-3)
- Samuel and Saul (1 Sam 9-15)
- Samuel and David (1 Samuel 16; 19:18-24)
- Mordecai and Esther (Esther 1-10)

### Discover:

A leader must equip other leaders

### Discovery Questions:

- What does this passage say about equipping leaders?
- What does this passage say that is important?
- What does this passage say that challenges you?
- What questions does this passage bring to mind?

### Obey:

I will equip leaders

### Obedience Questions:

- What do I need to change in my life to obey this passage?
- What is the price of obeying this passage?
- Who do I need to share this passage with?
- How does this passage affect how I plant churches?

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### Biblical Narratives

(Insert Biblical narratives of obedience and disobedience to this passage.)

**Historical Narratives**

(Insert Historical narratives of obedience and disobedience to this passage.)

**Local Narratives**

(Insert local narratives of obedience and disobedience to this passage. Write them in story format and identify the country and people group.)

## **Church Planting Strategy: God's Glory**

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As we are striving and seeking to see people reached with the gospel and a movement started, we must always realize that God is the main person involved. All that we do must be for His Glory. We need to pray that God will accomplish His work in a way that will bring glory to only Him and never attempt to gain credit for ourselves.

### **SESSION 1**

**Inductive Bible Study:** Revelation 7:9-12 and John 17:1-5

#### **Group Summary**

When the group is finished ask them to:

- 1) Write down the lessons each person has learned personally
- 2) Share their lessons and agree on the top 3 lessons for the group
- 3) Have each group report their top 3 lessons (and write it on a board or paper if possible)
- 4) Ask group if there are any key lessons not mentioned

### **SESSION 2**

#### **Scripture**

Write down what you learn about God's glory in each passage:

Isa 43:6-7

Eph 1:4-6

Isa 49:3

Psa 106:7-8

Eze 20:14

2Sa 7:23

Rom 9:22-23

Eze 36:22-23

Joh 7:18

Mat 5:16

Joh 5:44

Joh 14:13

Joh 12:27-28

Rom 15:7

Joh 16:14

Rom 15:8-9

1Co 10:31

1Pe 4:11

Phi 1:9-11

2Th 1:9-10

Rom 11:36

Hab 2:14

Rev 21:23

### **Group Summary**

When the group is finished ask them to:

- 1) Write down the lessons each one has learned personally
- 2) If they are in a group, share their lessons and agree on the top 3 lessons for the group
- 3) If there are several groups, have each group report their top 3 lessons (and write it on a board or paper if possible)
- 4) Ask group if there are any key lessons not mentioned

### **SESSION 3**

**Discuss the following case studies as a group – what can we learn from them?**

1. Joseph's life – God used his weakness and his brothers' sin to bring glory to His name.
2. Moses' prayer that God not destroy the Israelites (because of the sin with the golden calf) for the sake of God's reputation. Exo 32
3. David's prayer at the time of placing the ark in a tent in Jerusalem. 1 Ch 16
4. Elijah vs. the prophets of Baal (1Ki 18)
5. The Disciple's Prayer (Mat 6:9)
6. John 17 – Father, Son, Spirit
7. Paul suffered for God's name (Act 9:16; 21:13)

## Church Planting Strategy: Outside and Inside Leaders

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**Scripture 1:** Acts 16:1-5; 17:14-15; 19:22 and 1 Timothy 1:18-20; 3:1-15; 4:11-16; 2 Timothy 2:1-2

**Scripture 2:** Matthew 28:18-20; John 16:5-15

**Scripture 3:** Acts 14:21-28; Acts 20:17-38; Titus 1:4-5

**Supporting Passage(s):** Exodus 18:13-26; Joshua 1:1-9; 2 Kings 2:1-14

**Discovery Questions:**

- What do these passages say about what outside leaders do?
- What do these passages say about what inside leaders do?
- What does this passage say that is important?
- What does this passage say that challenges you?
- What questions does this passage bring to mind?

**Obey:** I will identify inside leaders and equip them to lead the church.

**Obedience Questions:**

- How does this passage affect how I plant churches?
- What do I need to change in my life to obey this passage?
- What is the price of obeying this passage?
- Who do I need to share this passage with?

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### Biblical Case Studies

(Insert Biblical examples of obedience and disobedience to this passage.)

### Historical Case Studies

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### Local Case Studies

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## Church Planting Strategy: Reaching All

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**Scripture 1:** Acts 1:8 / Jesus sends His followers out “to the end of the earth.”  
2:5–12, 37–41 / 3, 000 Hellenist Jews from throughout the Roman world come to faith at Pentecost.  
6:1–7 / Reconciliation occurs between Hellenist and native-born Jews. Stephen, Philip, and other Hellenist leadership emerge.  
8:1, 4 / Persecuted believers scatter from Jerusalem throughout Judea and Samaria, telling their story.  
8:5–8 / Philip preaches the gospel to the Samaritans, who respond in multitudes.  
8:14–17, 25 / Peter and John visit the new Samaritan believers, pray that they would receive the Spirit, and begin preaching in Samaritan cities.  
8:26–40 / Philip meets an official from Ethiopia and leads him to faith.  
10:1–48 / Peter baptizes Cornelius, a Roman centurion of Caesarea, and his relatives and close friends after seeing the Spirit come upon them.  
11:19–26 / The gospel spreads to Antioch and a multiethnic church is born.  
13:1–14:26 / Barnabas and Saul (Paul) take the gospel to Asia Minor, preaching first in synagogues but then turning to the Gentiles.  
15:1–33 / A meeting is held at Jerusalem to resolve controversy over the inclusion of Gentiles in the church.  
16:1–4 / Paul recruits Timothy, a young believer from a mixed background.  
17:16–34 / Paul preaches to the intellectuals in Athens, and some respond in faith.  
18:5–11 / Paul turns to the Gentiles in Corinth, establishing a multiethnic church.  
21:17–36 / Paul explains his Gentile ministry to the believers in Jerusalem, and takes Greeks into the temple, creating a riot.  
28: Paul is in Rome reaching guards and households including Caesar’s household.

**Scripture 2:** Matthew 28:16-20; Acts 1:1-11

**Scripture 3:** Luke 10:25-37

**Supporting Passage(s):** Thessalonians 1:2-10; Jonah (story tell); Matthew 8:5-13; John 4:4-42; Acts 16:9-10, Acts 10

**Discover:** Churches reach out to all segments of society.

- Discovery Questions:**
- What does this passage say about who we share the Gospel with?
  - What does this passage say that is important?
  - What does this passage say that challenges you?
  - What questions does this passage bring to mind?

**Obey:** I will be part of sharing the Gospel with everyone.

- Obedience Questions:**
- What do I need to change in my life to obey this passage?
  - What is the price of obeying this passage?
  - Who do I need to share this passage with?

- How does this passage affect how I plant churches?

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**Biblical Case Studies**

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**Historical Case Studies**

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**Local Case Studies**

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## Church Planting Strategy: Redeem Local Culture

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<b>Scripture 1:</b>	John 20:21-23; Philippians 2:5-11
<b>Scripture 2:</b>	Acts 17:16-34; Acts 19:11-20 burned what could not be redeemed
<b>Scripture 3:</b>	1 Corinthians 9:19-23
<b>Supporting Passage(s):</b>	Matthew 22:15-22; Acts 17:22-23; Acts 15:5-22; Galatians 2:11-14; 1 Th 1:9-10; 1 Cor 2:1-5
<b>Discover:</b>	Redeem local culture by embracing all you Biblically can and by redeeming the rest.
<b>Discovery Questions:</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• What does this passage say about redeeming local culture?</li><li>• What does this passage say that is important?</li><li>• What does this passage say that challenges you?</li><li>• What questions does this passage bring to mind?</li></ul>
<b>Obey:</b>	I will embrace local customs not forbidden by the Bible and seek to redeem or reject the rest.
<b>Obedience Questions:</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• How does this passage affect how I plant churches?</li><li>• What do I need to change in my life to obey this passage?</li><li>• What is the price of obeying this passage?</li><li>• Who do I need to share this passage with?</li></ul>

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### Biblical Case Studies

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## **Church Planting Strategy: Reproducing**

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**Scripture 1:** John 1:35-51

**Scripture 2:** Acts 2:41; 4:4; 6:7; 8:1,14; 9:31; 15:7-9; 17:4,12 and 18:8

**Scripture 3:** Mt 25:14-30; Matthew 13:3-23;

**Supporting Passage(s):** Mt 21:19; Mt 13:31-33; 2 Timothy 2:2; Colossians 1:6-7

**Discover:** Growth and multiplication is normal for God's followers

**Discovery Questions:**

- What does this passage say about reproducing?
- What does this passage say that is important?
- What does this passage say that challenges you?
- What questions does this passage bring to mind?

**Obey:** I will reproduce and our group will reproduce

**Obedience Questions:**

- What will you do to personally reproduce spiritually?
- What will your group do to reproduce?
- How does this passage affect how I plant churches?
- What do I need to change in my life to obey this passage?
- What is the price of obeying this passage?
- Who do I need to share this passage with?

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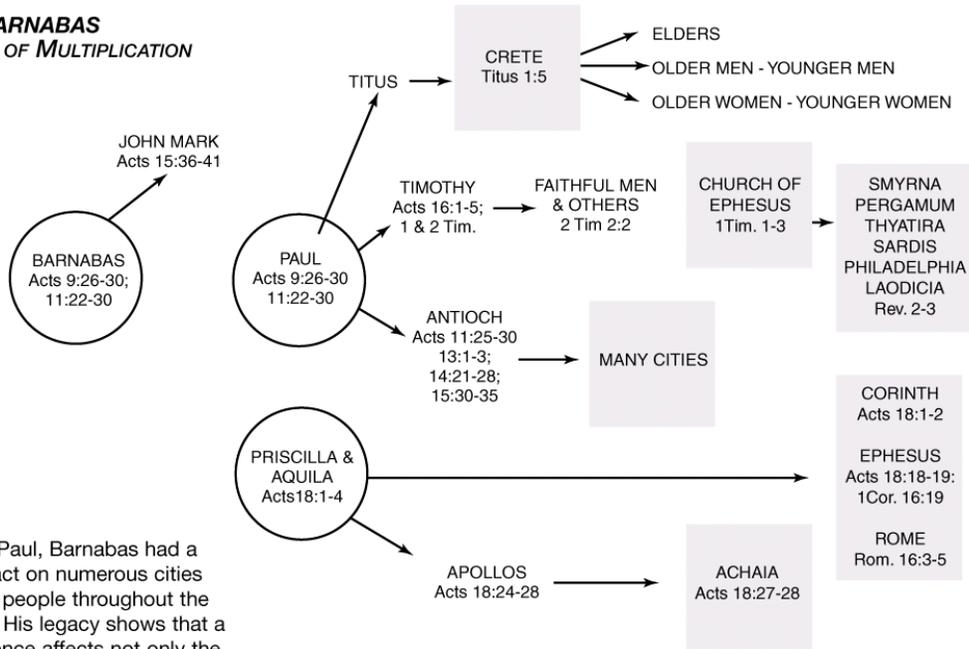
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## **Church Planting Strategy: Spiritual Warfare**

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In general, spiritual warfare is the conflict between good and evil. It is the ongoing battle between two opposed kingdoms: God's kingdom (light) and Satan's kingdom (darkness). There is no neutral ground – we are in the fight and must choose a side.

### SCRIPTURE

#### **Ephesians 6:10-20**

The Rightful Order

**Daniel 7:13-14**

**John 17:1-6**

**John 12:31-32**

**Colossians 2:14-15**

**2 Corinthians 10:3-6**

**2 Corinthians 5:18-20**

**Ephesians 1:19 – 23**

**Ephesians 3:5-12**

**1 Corinthians 15:22-25**

**Philippians 2:9-11**

God's Work and Our Response

**2 Kings 6:15-23**

**2 Chr 20:15-26**

**Isaiah 57:14-19**

**Isaiah 60:1-5**

**Isaiah 61:1-4**

**Luke 6:12**

**Luke 9:18**

**Ezekiel 22:30**

**Romans 8:26 - 35**

**Acts 17:26-31**

**Hebrews 7:25**

**Hebrews 10:19-25**

**Hebrews 11**

Attacks of the Enemy

**[Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43](#)**

[Luke 8:12](#)

[Luke 22:31-32](#)

[John 10:10](#)

**1 Corinthians 10:12-13**

[Revelation 2:10](#)

**Revelation 12:8-9**

[Revelation 12:17](#)

God's Ways

**Isaiah 55:8-9**

**Philippians 2:5-8**

**Matthew 10:16-39**

**1 Corinthians 1:17-31**

**John 12:24**