

HOW TO
PLANT A CHURCH
IN

One Year

BECOME A
WORLD CHANGER



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Would you like to change the world? Jesus wants us all to become World Changing Disciples who make other disciples and plant churches.

Spending quality time with your friends and leading them into a relationship with Jesus, is the most rewarding venture you will ever be part of. It's Jesus Kingdom redemption plan for this whole world.

The previous videos have outlined:

1. The Mandate Jesus has given us to go out and plant churches full of disciples.
2. Working within your relationship streams build relationships with Persons of Peace you meet.
3. Based on the Jesus harvest parables, you will be growing networks of friends who will also mature into disciple makers who in turn will train others to repeat the cycle.

This session we look at the nuts and bolts of planting a new church.

The team will connect with people to make new disciples. To do this, you might have Bible Reading groups, home Bible studies and Bible Marking Classes, and conduct seminars and even evangelistic meetings. When some are ready for "harvest", it is time to gather them into a new church group. Some might join existing churches, but they will be more active if you plant them into a new church.

Here are some important things to think about:

1. WHO WILL LEAD THIS NEW CHURCH?

The church-planting team might provide leadership for the new church, but it is important for new disciples to be equipped and involved. There are natural leaders, such as the heads of households, especially if you meet in a home.

2. WHAT ABOUT A LEADERSHIP TEAM?

Involve the new disciples in prayer and conversation to select those who will provide leadership. Provide simple job descriptions and outline the processes for decision-making. But, do not allow meetings to distract from God's mission!

3. WHO WILL TEACH?

It does not strengthen the new church if there are too many visiting preachers who do not know the people. And do not rely on videos. Every new plant can have worship services using the Discovery Bible Reading approach in the place of a sermon.

4. WHERE WILL THE NEW CHURCH MEET?

New Testament churches met in the houses of new believers. Other good places are: community houses or halls; meeting rooms in public libraries; lecture theatres on the campuses of schools, colleges, or universities; or conference rooms in hotels; or outdoors in parks or gardens. Choose places that cost little or nothing. If there is a cost, ensure the new church can cover it without relying on allocations from others.

5. WHAT IS "ZERO-DOLLAR" CHURCH PLANTING?

With a team of dedicated disciples, it costs little or no money to start a Discovery Bible Reading group, conduct home Bible studies or readings, or to launch a branch Sabbath school. When it is time to gather as a new church, the key is to use a venue that costs little or nothing. Of course, if the church planter is an employed pastor, there are added expenses.



