# PLANT A CHURCH ONE SECTION ONE

## BECOME A WORLD CHANGER



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 our 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 disciplesto 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.



#### 6. WHAT STRUCTURES ARE IMPORTANT?

It is important to have a simple structure for decision-making and review, to ensure the church plant is faithful to God's purpose and mission. Talk with your pastor and leaders to get guidance on simple structures and processes:

- Will this plant relate directly to a mission/conference or through a "parent" church?
- Pastor: Who will be the coach or mentor? Will this be the district pastor?
- Finances: How will tithes and offerings be collected, recorded and dispersed?
- What moral, legal and ethical responsibilities need to be met for working with children, providing safe places for vulnerable people and liability insurance for gatherings and activities?

Here is a simple but effective resource that can be very helpful as a tool for training disciples. The World Changer Bible kit comes with the disciple making insert, a complete set of the 28 doctrinal Book Mark study guides plus another 21 study guides on topics that will help you to train and equip other disciples.

So accept Jesus' invitation to change the world. When He said, "Follow me and I'll make you fishers of men," He was talking to people just like you.

### How to Become a World Changer Reflection Questions

1. What can I and my team do to move a step closer to planting a church in my sphere of influence?

2. Who could help me through this process?

3. What is my next step toward planting a new church?



















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