

HOW TO
PLANT A CHURCH
IN

One Year

HARVEST CYCLE
OF EVANGELISM



Jesus shared harvest parables, saying they reveal the secret of the kingdom of God. We use this harvest model. It's one field but the field changes at various stages. What are the main activities in the fields and what are the key questions we need to ask?

FIRSTLY, PREPARE:

How do we enter the empty fields?

SECONDLY, SOWING:

What do we sow and how?

THIRDLY, CULTIVATE:

How can we cultivate the growth of disciples all by themselves?

FOURTHLY, THE HARVEST:

Why and how do we gather to form a new church?

AND FINALLY, MULTIPLYING THE HARVEST:

How will each new group multiply or plant another church?

Let's look at each stage of the harvest model in more detail.

FIRSTLY, PREPARING:

In order to prepare the soil or the place where you will plant a church, you have to have an entry plan. Think of the community, the people group or the homes of families and friends who need to know Jesus. You and your ministry team need to start with prayer for these people intentionally. Research the needs of these groups and ask God for guidance in how to best be of help to them.

SECONDLY, SOWING:

In your relationship building there comes a point where you will get to be open about how Jesus has impacted your life. This is sowing the seed. Sowing the seed is our opportunity to share the gospel story in ways that are easy to understand. The key to sowing the gospel seed is to be clear in outlining the role that Jesus plays in our salvation. Remember the gospel story is good news.

THIRDLY, CULTIVATING:

Once the person has accepted Jesus as their Lord and Saviour they are like a seedling or a baby that needs nurturing in order to grow and develop to maturity. This growth is vital for the new believer to become a disciple maker themselves. So they need training in the process of how to become a disciple, how to pray, how to read the word of God, how to rely on the power of the Holy Spirit and how to share their faith with their friends and how to build other disciples who can do the same.

FOURTHLY, THE HARVEST:

The harvest where you and your team gather new disciples and help them to plant new churches that multiply. Gathering the harvest is the prelude to multiplying the crop again. It's not the end of the journey and this is what Paul did. We can do the same as we nurture the believers we are mentoring and training.

AND FINALLY, MULTIPLYING THE HARVEST:

Disciples make and multiply disciples resulting in a multiplication of churches. This is the plan Jesus had in mind when He empowered the disciples to lead. He made a promise to all when He said this:



Prepare



Sow



Cultivate



Harvest



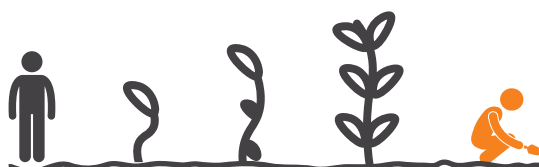
Multiply



Prepare



Sow



Cultivate



Harvest



Multiplying the Harvest

“

You shall receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall be witnesses to Me in **Jerusalem**, and in all **Judea** and **Samaria**, and to the end of **the earth**.”

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ACTS 1:8

The process is simple, so enjoy the journey of the harvest cycle.

Harvest Cycle of Evangelism

Reflection Questions

1. How can you develop deeper spirituality and ministry mindset in your friends?
2. How could you mentor your friends to think about sharing their faith?