

BICM400 CHURCH PLANTING IN THE 21ST CENTURY

INTRODUCTION

Church planting principles and practices studied with the goal of equipping those who have heard the call to start new churches. Upon course completion, the student should be able to grasp the following:

- Biblical foundations of church planting
- Key components in the church planting process
- The essentials, qualities and characteristics of an effective church planter that accounts for spiritual formation and spiritual warfare.
- How to begin developing an effective vision, values, and support network for church planting

Church planting begins in the very heart and nature of God. God's nature is evangelistic or outgoing. Since we are the children of God, we will share in His nature. Notice the definitions of God found in the Bible and how they all speak of this same nature.

- A. God is Spirit (John 4:24). God is effulgent, pervading, and impossible to contain.
- B. God is Light (I John 1:5). God is ever penetrating, diffusive and dispelling darkness.
- C. God is Consuming Fire (Heb. 12:29). God, like fire, is never satisfied, burns passionately and always hungers for more.
- D. God is Love (I John 4:16). God is always reaching out to include more and more as objects of His love.

Church planting is both consistent with and completely at the center of God's Eternal Purpose as expressed in Genesis 1:26-28 which represent the "Greater Commission." Everything that we do in life should be found in these verses.

- Offspring in His image (Let us make man in our image)
- Multiplicity of seed (fruitful and multiply)
- Reproduction of ministry (to rule together with Him)
- Relationship with offspring (fellowship, praise, worship)
- A bride for His Son

The commission that Jesus gave to the church included the following elements:

- A. Preaching the Gospel
- B. Witnessing of Christ
- C. Bringing healing and deliverance
- D. Baptizing
- E. Making disciples
- F. Teaching the believers

All of these elements are the essence of evangelism and church planting. Someone is not truly evangelized until they are settled in the faith, committed to a local church and functioning in their God-ordained gifts.

Learn more by purchasing the entire course that covers the following topics:

Lesson 1: Intro To Church Planting
Lesson 2: Church Planting In The Ministry Of Jesus
Lesson 3: Church Planting In The Ministry Of Paul
Lesson 4: Church Planting Today
Lesson 5-6: The Call To Church Planting
Lesson 7: The Preparation Of Church Planter
Lesson 8: Preparation For Church Planting
Lesson 9: The Sending Process
Lesson 10: Planting Seed Churches
Lesson 11-12: Getting Started
Lesson 13: The Opening Service
Lesson 14: Assimilation And Follow-Up Issues
Lesson 15: Building Important Relationships
Lesson 16: Apostolic Covering
Lesson 17: Utilizing Other Ministries (Ministry Networking)
Lesson 18: Gaining Respect As A Pastor
Lesson 19-20: Common Mistakes Pastors Make
Lesson 21-22: Raising Up Likeminded Leaders
Lesson 23: Children's Ministry
Lesson 24: The Testimony Of A Church Planter