

**FOUNDATION of a DYNAMIC CHURCH**

**PRAYER**

**LEADERSHIP**

**IMPLEMENTATION**

**GROWTH**

**THE BOSS PRINCIPLE**

1. Christ is Lord of church planting, and He has a vision for your new church.

**THE POWER PRINCIPLE**

2. Prayer is the indispensable source of God’s power and wisdom in each phase of church planting.

**THE NEHEMIAH PRINCIPLE**

3. God’s vision must lead to prayerful planning, the result of which should be a comprehensive TaskList set out upon a Timeline.

**THE BARNABAS PRINCIPLE**

4. Every church planter needs a mentor. A mentor is someone who has been where you want to go and is willing to help you get there.

**THE TEAM LEADER PRINCIPLE**

5. The church planting pastor is most effective as part of a team on which he serves as the visionary leader.

**THE MISSION PRINCIPLE**

6. The central work of the new church will always be to help people put their trust in Christ and grow into maturity as His followers.

**THE LEADERSHIP PRINCIPLE**

7. Leadership development lies at the heart of the new church’s mission and the most important leadership quality to develop is spiritual maturity.

**THE BRIDGE PRINCIPLE**

8. Understanding (and communicating sensitively to) the hearts and minds of people in the target community is essential to reaching them effectively with the Gospel.

**THE MAGNET PRINCIPLE**

9. When God plants a church there should be widespread community awareness and interest.

**THE BALANCE PRINCIPLE**

10. The church planter’s walk with God, family life and ministry must be in Biblical balance.

**THE MULTIPLICATION PRINCIPLE**

11. Healthy churches will reproduce and daughter church planting should be envisioned and planned from the new church’s beginning.

**THE JOSEPH PRINCIPLE**

12. Attending to organizational and administrative matters will protect and stabilize the new church and make it grow in a healthy way.

• What is God’s vision for your new church and have you written it out in detail?

• Have you planned for time away and alone with God to pray through each phase?

• Are you working towards completion dates and the delegation of ministry areas?

• Have you asked God for a church planting mentor and keeping an open, teachable spirit?

• Are you prepared to passionately cast vision for the new church?

• What is your strategy for developing new believers and leaders in the church?

• What steps are you taking to grow in your own walk with Christ and grow as a leader?

• Are you taking prayer walks through your target area and surveying the needs of these precious people?

• What are the most effective tools for introducing the new church to the community?

• Are you demonstrating that your love for God and your family is paramount to the task at hand? How?

• What steps will you take to insure your new church has a reproductive DNA?

• What infrastructure needs to be in place for the assimilation and development of new people in the church?

• Are you creatively and frequently casting vision to your team?

• Are you modeling prayer as a priority and source of power?

• Does each team member have a plan with assigned tasks list and completion dates?

• Are you seeking a mentor? Are you spending time with your mentor? Are you mentoring your team?

• Are you casting vision and helping each team member see their part in the vision?

• Have you developed your process of discipleship and equipped your team in the process?

• Are you focused on getting tasks completed or on developing your leaders to complete their tasks?

• Are you equipping your leaders to understand the target community and how to effectively reach them?

• Are you exploring effective ways to share the birth of the church and create excitement?

• Are you taking time to care, pray and lead your own family in this kingdom adventure?

• How are you instilling a reproductive value in the hearts and minds of your leadership?

• Are you praying for the right gift mix, the right kinds of leaders for each crucial area of your new church plant?

• Are you reflecting and communicate God’s vision for the new church in every ministry area?

• Are you taking prayer walks throughout your target area?

• Are you providing opportunities for celebration of what God is accomplishing through you?

• Are you showing appreciation to your mentor for his contribution to your life and ministry?

• Are you casting vision beyond birth Sunday?

• Are you communicating clearly the next steps for those who are seeking and those who are new believers?

• Are your leaders prepared to actively recruit and train up new leaders for every area of ministry?

• Are you being relevant in all your communications? Are you utilizing excellent signage in and outside your gathering place?

• Are you utilizing effective outreach strategies to make your new church known and inviting?

• Are you providing opportunities for your own soul and family to be spiritually nourished?

• Are you setting aside a tithe for the next church plant?

• Do you have the infrastructure in place to meet the needs of those the Lord gathers together?

• Are you seeking God’s vision for the new church as in the beginning?

• Are you praying for God to spread His name beyond your community to other neighborhoods, regions or countries?

• Are your leaders strategizing and planning for 1 year, 3 year and 5 year growth?

• Are you open and willing to mentoring a church planter?

• Are you casting vision monthly formally and informally first to your leaders and then each of you to the whole church?

• Are you helping people grow in their relationship with Jesus and advance the Gospel?

• Are you effectively equipping and ministering to your leaders and empowering them to do the same?

• Are you keeping your focus outward for the target community and teaching others to do the same?

• Are you continuing to engage the church in community for awareness and interest?

• Are you honoring the Sabbath rest and your families need for quality time with you?

• Are you trusting God to build His church through you and extend His Kingdom through the planting of another church?

• Are you continuing to develop processes and systems to strengthen the church?

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Each session taught is the application of one or more of the 12 Biblical Principles. All the sessions are taught in order of the phases and build upon each other. It is our philosophy that learning without application is incomplete. Therefore, each phase concludes with an interactive assignment. At the end of the training period, each leader is required to prepare and present the first draft of a VPT: Vision-Plan-TimeLine for their church planting vision.

The sessions that apply to Phase One are as follows:

- 12 Biblical Principles of Church Planting (an overview)
- Why Plant a Church?
- The Lord of Church Planting
- Prayerful Planning and a 12 Step Personal Retreat
- Vision-Plan-TimeLine Assignment (VPT)
- A Planned Approach to Church Planting
- Phase One: Macedonia

The sessions that apply to Phase Two are as follows:

- Leadership Development: A Three Dimensional Approach
- Building a Process of Discipleship
- Building a Launch Team
- Phase Two: Ephesus

The sessions that apply to Phase Three are as follows:

- Avoiding Church Planting Landmines
- How to Use a TimeLine
- Developing a Culturally Relevant Outreach Plan
- Phase Three: Jerusalem

The sessions that apply to Phase Four are as follows:

- Why Plant a Daughter Church?
- The Challenges and Joys of Being a Church Planting Family
- The Seasons of Church Planting
- Phase Four: Antioch

VPT: Vision-Plan-TimeLine Presentation