

## **Movements: How to Create a Jesus Movement of Multiplying Churches (I)**

Most of our literature on church planting is both theologically and methodologically keyed to the Acts of the Apostles and to the ministry of Paul. When reading the gospels as church planters we discover Jesus as the first church planter. Jesus' lifestyle and message help us to understand how we can plant churches today in the way he did with his disciples, who, with him, became the prototype of the church. Jesus gave us a model of how to plant multiplying churches. Practically we will learn how Jesus' model of planting churches helps us move from good to great church planting.

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### **I. Laying the Foundation: The Jesus Model of Church Planting**

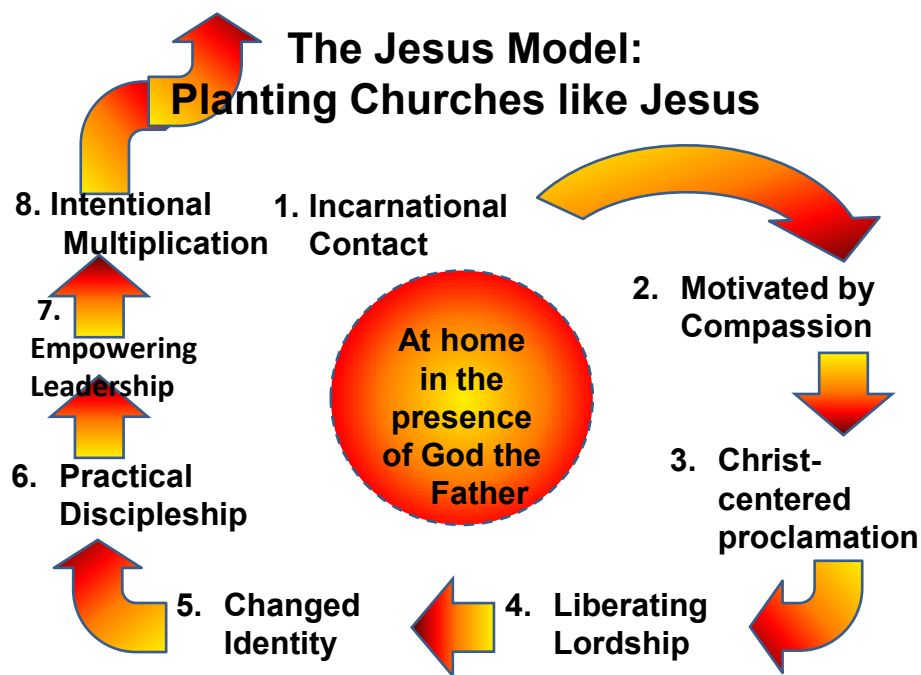
#### **A. Shifting the church planting focus from Paul to Jesus**

1. Jesus, the first church planter (Matt 16:18)
2. Jesus, the trainer of church planters (Matt 4:19; 28:18-20)
3. Jesus, the multiplier (Mk 4:20)

#### **B. The Jesus Model of church planting – overview**

1. The Core: At home in the presence of God the Father
2. Incarnational contact

3. Motivated by compassion
4. Christ-centered proclamation (autobasileia)
5. Liberating lordship
6. Changed identity
7. Practical discipleship
8. Empowering leadership
9. Intentional multiplication



## II. Understanding the difference between good church planting and great church planting

### A. Good church planting

1. Long recovery time
2. Direct involvement
3. Emphasis on leadership
4. Haphazard and situational

5. Centripetal force

6. Emphasis on giftedness

B. Great church planting (G6 church planting quality)

1. Timed release

2. Generational distance

3. Discipleship depth

4. Intentional mindset

5. External focus

6. Reproducible models