

Coaching Church planters

The success rate of Church planting is lifted dramatically when a qualitative and consistent coaching system is implemented. This seminar will focus on what value base the coaching system ought to be based on, in order to be beneficial within a Christian context. We will give a practical and accessible toolkit ranging from how to secure content in each session, to the clarification of outcome that can be expected from a long lasting coaching relationship.

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Introduction:

I "Mission context" and "Mission content"

A. Context

Coaching works best when it is a relationship that enables learning in a specific context.

B. Content

1. The Gospel:
2. The Context:
3. Leadership:

4. **Definition of Church Planter coaching:**

Church planter coaching is developing a supportive relationship with the coachee that leads to continual gospel renewal and character deepening, that focuses on the realities of urban life/ the specific context, and that results in the improvement of skills and performance by a form of instruction that enables the coachee to build awareness and responsibility. (Timothy Keller)

II The heart of coaching

A. All power to the coachee

B. All power to God and his sovereign calling

C. All responsibility to the Church Planter

III Different roles in the life of the Church Planter

There are many roles and leaders that shape the life of the Church Planter. Coaching is not everything.

There are very few ventures so demanding as planting a new church. It requires immense catalytic ability to start with nothing and gather new people into a vibrant and unique expression of the Body of Christ which impacts the community around it. It requires the church planter to be highly entrepreneurial, visionary, and an effective communicator. It is an emotionally and spiritually demanding task. Having a coach can make a world of difference; sometimes it is the key factor between success and failure. And it means the coach must fulfill a lot of roles. (Jeff Bailey & Steve Nicholson, Association of Vineyard Churches)

A. The role of the coach:

B. The role of the Trainer:

C. The role of Supervisor:

D. The role of Mentor:

E. The role of Counselor:

F. The role of Encourager/Friend:

III The various starting points of Coaching

Matrix of basic coaching styles:

3. Participating/Enabling	2. Selling/Edifying
4. Delegating/Empowering	1. Telling Exhorting

V Important Qualities Church Planting Coach

VI Coaching as part of a pathway toward success

The demand of the task of church planting can cause the church planter to lose sight of the pathway. Church planting movements have all seen higher success rates when they have supplied the candidates for church planting with a clear pathway to follow.

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