

Great Church Planting – The Road Less Travelled

In my experience of over twenty years as a church planter in Germany, I have come to identify six disciplines that set apart good church planting from great church planting. I refer to them as “G6”. By that I mean that they seem to have six great qualities that set them apart from merely good church planting ministries. These six great qualities of church planting are: timed release, generational distance, discipleship depth, intentional mindset, external focus, and reproducible models. Implementing these six qualities of great church planting will move us from planting churches additionally to a church planting multiplication movement in Europe.

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Good to Great Church Planting

I. Good Church Planting

- A. Long recovery time
- B. Direct involvement
- C. Emphasis on leadership
- D. Haphazard and situational
- E. Centripetal force
- F. Short-sightedness
- G. Emphasis on giftedness

II. Great Church Planting

- A. Timed release
- B. Generational distance
- C. Discipleship depth
- D. Intentional mindset
- E. External focus
- F. Multiplication coordinator
- G. Reproducible models