

Finding and Releasing the Pioneers: The Heart of Church Planting

How do we find and release people with pioneer gifting in declining denominations? How do you recognise them and create an environment where they can grow, take responsibility and plant new churches? What should we do and what should we keep away from? Is there something to learn from the stories in the Old Testament where young people turned the destiny of the nation of Israel in critical times?

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1. The arrow principle - God of the generations

- a. The prophetic generations (Acts 2,17, Malachi 4,5-6)
- b. The example of Gideon’s father (Judge 6,1-32)

2. Visionary leadership and responding at the grass root

- a. Creating visionary space for innovation without fear
- b. Make a way

3. The story of Jonathan (1 Samuel 14,1-23)

- a. It is an act of faith that makes the change, not just talk

4. What do we do to find the pioneers?

- a. Prayer as a starting point (Matthew 9,38)
- b. They are already there