

The Three Most Important Lessons in Creating a Movement of Church Planters

A number of church planting movements exist. Why would you want to create another? Have you a sense of calling? Do you bring something unique? Has God put a location in your heart? Undoubtedly a committed team, with clear goals and unity of purpose can gather momentum and penetrate fresh territory for the gospel, not simply gathering Christians from existing churches. There is undoubtedly room for more movements if we are true to God's call and initiative and build with zeal and integrity, based on clear foundations.

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I. Clarify your goals

A. What kind of churches?

1. Other churches exist – why start more?

B. Establish your values.

1. What are basic essentials and what is open to varieties of interpretation (see– II establish expectations)

C. Cultivate loving open relationships

D. Establish a model church

E. What expectations of growth?

F. What plans to recruit and train leaders

G. Stay true to your vision but open to fresh initiatives from God

II. Establish clear expectations with the related churches

A. Where does authority lie?

1. Simply a “Network”?

or

2. A “Hands on” apostolic relationship?

B. What do churches expect from you?

C. What do you expect from churches?

D. What will you provide?

1. Communication

2. Conferences

3. Regional gatherings

4. Training programs

E. Finance

III. Gather a team

A. Personal loyalty

B. Transparency and vulnerability

C. Common values

D. Character and gifting

E. Release with responsibility

F. Reproduce teams