

Church Planter Pathway for Planting (for the Mother Church)

Phase One: God to You

Four Months

Prayer and Planning

Prayer Retreat

Identify and Notify Key People

Local Board
Key Staff
DS

Phase Two: You to Team

Four Months

Attend Key Training Events

EMT
CPC

Send Potential Planters
to Assessment Center
Select Planter
Introduce Planter to Church

Phase Three: Team to Church

Four Months

Begin Pre-Launch Events

At Least
3 Events

Attend Training Events

NCD
CPM

Phase Four: Church to World

Launch Day!

Continued Outreach
and Discipleship

Phase One: God to You

Prayer Retreat

Minimum of two days of prayer and fasting for vision, location, and plan for the new church.

Notify Key People

Begin casting vision with local board, key leaders and staff, DS, and congregation.

Phase Two: You to Team

*Evangelism and Multiplication Training (EMT)

This day-and-a-half training will inspire and train everyday disciples to make disciples and plant churches as a natural expression of their lives.

*Churches Planting Churches (CPC)

This two-and-a-half-day training event will inspire and train pastors to leverage their church's resources to plant new churches.

Send Potential Planter(s) to Assessment Center

Assessing potential planters is a key part of the process for planting churches. The assessment will help determine which potential planters have the greatest potential for church planting effectiveness.

Develop a Launch Team

The planter will prayerfully select and recruit a team of people who can help launch the church and help the church continue to grow and develop following the launch of the church. Hopefully, some members of the Launch Team will not be Jesus followers yet. The pastor and planter will need to decide if team members can be recruited from the local church.

Develop a Core Group

Some team members will rise up and become key partners in helping develop the church. They may be staff members who come aboard at the beginning to help launch the church.

Some will join up during Phases One, Two, and Three who are willing to commit at a higher level than the Launch Team in sharing their finances, time, and resources.

Attend Training Events

Church Planting Essentials (CPE) will help prepare the new planter and team to develop a plan for starting the new church.

Phase Three: Team to Church

Pre-Launch Events

At least three large events designed to reach out in the community for the purpose of attracting attenders, team members, and leaders to the new church.

*New Church Dynamics (NCD)

After the launch day, the planter must grow the new church. This training occurs over two and a half days and will help planters develop the systems necessary to grow the new church.

Church Planting Movements (CPM)

Every new church should plant new churches! This two-and-a-half-day training event will inspire and help to train planters to start a movement of new churches.

Phase Four: Church to World

Launch Day

The first day of weekly services of the new church. This day should be a big day of celebration designed to gain public recognition and win as many people for Jesus as possible.

Outreach and Discipleship

Continue at least one large outreach event each quarter and make sure discipleship systems are working properly.