

Church Planting in the North Central District

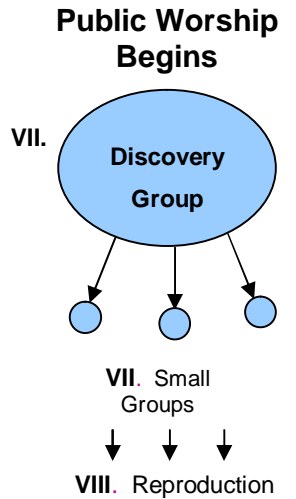
We use a highly relational disciple-making approach to church planting. We help develop a core group whether it is with a mother church, a pioneer planter or a group in a new locale. After calling the planter, the core group, along with the planter, goes through at least six months of training based on the following church planting principles.

Church Planting Principles

- I. **Commitment** demonstrated through covenants, prayers.
- II. God provides **resources** through tithe and harvest.
- III. Cleansing from Word by Holy Spirit produces **Christ-likeness**.
- IV. Healthy **relationships** built as believers are equipped . . . Preserving the unity.
- V. Forms must be **biblically based**, not business oriented
- VI. **Worship** must always allow God to reveal more of Himself
- VII. **Disciple making** results in reproduction of new believers
- VIII. **Reproduction** of new believers results in church plants.

Six Months of Core-Group Training

I & II	III. Weeks 1-8	IV. Weeks 9-15	V. Weeks 16-20	VI. Weeks 21-26
Core Group Gathering	Personal Training	Corporate Preparation	Strategic Ministries	Ministering Together
	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Empty self 2. Abiding in Christ 3. Discipleship principles 4. God's view of the Church 5. Begin small group ministry 6. Every Day Commission 7. Personal Review 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Plan growth event 2. First growth events 3. Core Values 4. Purpose / Mission 5. Vision 6. Develop strategic thinking 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Fellowship oriented worship 2. Person & work of Holy Spirit 3. Church documents 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Promotion material 2. Pilot worship 3. Ongoing Discovery Group ministry/ material



The core group trainer, an established church planter, is also the coach for the church planter. The church planter is also involved in a monthly coaching triad with 2 other area church planters. We do not want any church planter to be left alone.

The NCD grants each church \$16,000 over one year from the start of public worship and we ask the church plant to make district church planting their first mission support. We ask the church planter to raise between \$1000 -1500 per month for the first two years of ministry. At the end of two years most of our church plants are financially autonomous.