

## Pioneer Church Planting... More Difficult Than You Think

To see gospel communities in every language group is the clear teaching of scripture. The hard work, years, sacrifices, and incredible honor and privilege that is ours is focused on in this seminar.

Today 3,100 languages with no gospel message available to them...seeing lighthouses of the gospel, churches, among each one is our task.

### 1. Is the Great Commission still our goal, task mission on earth?

In many ways these days ARE similar to the Roman empire at its zenith...in the very times that Jesus said...Matt 28:19,20 ALL AUTHORITY IN HEAVEN AND ON EARTH HAS BEEN GIVEN TO ME, (HE KNEW THE situation in the world) THEREFOR GO AND MAKE DISCIPLES OF ALL NATIONS.

Amidst the crushing state sanctioned slavery, mass murders, men coming to grips with the God of Scripture is humanity's best hope.

The particulars have changed...but the answer is the same.

While Jesus was on earth He addressed many topics...after his resurrection there was ONE command and expectation He voiced again and again...now GO!

### 2. If Jesus commanded us to 'make disciples' why plant churches?

There is little getting around Jesus last statement...make disciples of all nations.

Do we see Paul, only proclaiming the message? No he left behind groups of followers.

*Eph 3...Of this gospel I was made a minister according to the gift of God's grace, which was given me by the working of his power. To me, though I am the very least of all the saints, this grace was given, to preach to the Gentiles the unsearchable riches of Christ, and to bring to light for everyone what is the plan of the mystery hidden for ages in God who created all things, so that through the church the manifold wisdom of God might now be made known to the rulers and authorities in the heavenly places.*

Gods people never had randomness in relationships...

1. Family
2. Nation/family

3. Patriarchs, j
4. Judges
5. Kings,

Order within humanity and His people is part of who He is...the local church has it's roots in God himself.

Paul via revelation and inspiration gives us the basics of that 'local New Testament church'.

The CHURCH is the center piece of His plan, His bride...that corporate entity...  
 Eph 5: 22-27 Husbands, love your wives, as Christ loved the church and gave himself up for her, that he might sanctify her, having cleansed her by the washing of water with the word, so that he might present the church to himself in splendor, without spot or wrinkle or any such thing, that she might be holy and without blemish. In the same way husbands should love their wives as their own bodies. He who loves his wife loves himself. For no one ever hated his own flesh, but nourishes and cherishes it, just as Christ does the church, because we are members of his body. "Therefore a man shall leave his father and mother and hold fast to his wife, and the two shall become one flesh

### 3. We need to know our goal, so what is a basic New Testament description of a local church?

Bibles studies are great...but not a church.  
 Leading your family is the Word is powerful...but not a church  
 Gender groups...great, but not a church.  
 Age specific studies great...but not a church

WE MUST ALLOW THE NEW TESTAMENT....not our preferences to define what the Apostles and prophets handed over to us as a 'local church'.

### 4. If people need to understand the gospel... then clear communication MUST be happening.

EVEN WITH clarity miscommunication is easy.  
 The scriptures give us no examples of Gods messengers being unclear.

### 5. So WHAT DOES IT TAKE TO GET FLUENT? OR, AS SOME SAY... IT WILL HAPPEN 'OVER THERE'?

Consecration of self

Consecration of family....

Setting aside of future plans...

Commitment to fluency...

A genuine commitment to clarity of the gospel...

A commitment (Jn 17:4 and Paul in II Tim 4:5-7)...to finish the race completely.

**A view of God and His worth-ness.**

The biggest factor in church planting is the consecration of the church planter