

Forming a New Faith Community (Church Planting)

Two Primary Ways to End Up in a Plant

Person Looking to Plant or a Church (Multi-site, Satellite, etc.)	God has laid it on your heart to be a church planter or Pioneer. You are looking for the place He leads you to, to make that happen. If you are or think you may be a Planter, have a conversation with your Chief Missional Strategist (DS)!
Plant Looking for a Place and Person	God leads you to look at a particular place or space to begin a new faith community.

Either way, the question comes down to: Location, Location, Location!

Step	Explanation
This looks like a good spot for a Church!	You find a space that looks like it might be a good spot to start a new faith community. God may lead you to a building, vacant lot, new community, old community that needs some Jesus or someplace totally unexpected
MissionInsite	Use MissionInsite to see what types of people may be around. What their preferences in programs, styles and leadership might be.
Community Assessment	Drive around. Talk to people. Get to know the people and their needs. Remember that MissionInsite data is a good starting point but there is a person behind every data point. Use the information gathered to look at growth, potential and current and future needs. Write it down. It will help you to focus your thoughts.
Form a Team	Don't do this by yourself. Bring together people who have experience, insight and vision. Build your "First 12" – a team of 12 leaders to walk this path with you.
Pick a Plant	As you and the team walk through the data and assessments, review the types and kinds of new church plant models and new faith community models. Which works best for your situation and context? Don't try to force a round peg into a square hole. Let God lead the process. There are many models and types from which to choose: Traditional Plant Models, Fresh Expressions, Community Outreach or whatever works for your context.
Make a Plan	Count the Cost! Set goals and come up with concrete action steps and timelines. Know the challenges as best you can before you start the project. Don't be afraid to reevaluate things as you go and make adjustments.
Execute	Go plant!
Repeat	From Little Acorns mighty oaks grow. Then the mighty oak spreads more acorns around! Go make other new faith communities. Usually within 3-5 years, you should be looking to plant a new faith community of your own.