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Participant Guide

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Session One: Developing Your Church Planting Vision

Session One Overview:

- 1.1 The Importance of Vision
- 1.2 Vision Defined
- 1.3 The Source of Vision
- 1.4 The Components of Vision
- 1.5 Defining Our Purpose – Kingdom of God
- 1.6 Learning from the Purposes of Jesus
- 1.7 The Purpose of Your Church Plant

Total Session Time: 2.25 hours

Learning Outcomes:

- You will grasp the importance of vision, knowing what good vision looks like, discovering the source of your vision, and knowing what components to include in a vision statement for your church plant.
- You will establish a great foundation to build your vision upon by reflecting on Kingdom of God theology and Jesus' purpose.

What advantages are there in making your vision challenging yet possible? Why is it good for a vision to have a sense of urgency? How is it helpful for your vision to be specific?

What might be a good next step for you to take to get clearer vision?

Which of the components of vision mentioned (purpose, values, priorities, practices, targets, ministry model, doctrinal statement) might be easiest or most natural for you to focus your energy and attention on?" "Which might take more work for you?"

Learning from the Purposes of Jesus

What stands out to you from what Michael shared related to the purposes of Jesus?

The Purpose of Your Church Plant

How would you like to respond to God's call to join in the purposes of Jesus? Write down your commitment to God at this point in your journey.

KEY QUOTE

"Vision integrates our past, our present, and future. It collects the best of our past. It draws upon our highest dreams and our longing for the future." — Michael Gatlin

Session Two: Defining and Refining Your Philosophy of Ministry

Session Two Overview:

- 2.1 People of the Kingdom of God
- 2.2 Partner with the Holy Spirit
- 2.3 Experience and Worship God
- 2.4 Reconcile People with God and All Creation
- 2.5 Engage in Compassionate Ministry
- 2.6 Pursue Culturally Relevant Mission in the World
- 2.7 Distinctives of the Vineyard Movement
- 2.8 Articulating a Sharper Philosophy of Ministry
- 2.9 Ministry Assumptions
- 2.10 Living in the Tension

Total Session Time: 2.5 hours

Learning Outcome:

- You will assess your own values and key assumptions in light of Vineyard values and distinctives.

People of the Kingdom of God

What stood out to you from that talk?

Partner with the Holy Spirit

Think of someone you know who is in a difficult situation. What is the Father doing in their life that you can partner with?

Experience and Worship God

In your experience, what are helpful ways to make room for God's presence to be experienced in corporate worship without being manipulative?

Reconcile People with God and All Creation

What barriers do you think God is calling you to help break down?

Engage in Compassionate Ministry

Can you think of a time when you have seen a group of people do compassionate ministry well? What factors contributed to making it a success?

Pursue Culturally Relevant Mission in the World

What is one way that you hope to make your church plant culturally relevant?

Which of the Vineyard values are you most passionate about? How might your church plant reflect that passion (those passions)?

Distinctives of the Vineyard Movement

Which of the distinctives stood out to you as you listened to the talk?

- the main and the plain
- the now and the not yet
- come, Holy Spirit
- worshipers of God and rescuers of men
- naturally supernatural
- come as you are, but don't stay as you are
- everyone gets to play
- equipping the saints
- plant churches that will plant churches
- leaders who walk with a limp
- servant leadership

Which of the Vineyard distinctives are you most passionate about? How might your church plant reflect that?

Articulating a Sharper Philosophy of Ministry

Can you think of some values that you are willing to compromise on and others that are non-negotiable?

KEY QUOTE

"A philosophy of ministry flows out of our values, flows out of our distinctives." — Michael Gatlin

Ministry Assumptions

How might it benefit your church plant if you are clear about your ministry assumptions?

Living in the Tension

What other personal values do you hold that will also influence your church plant? Do you sense any tension between those values and Vineyard values and distinctives?

Session Three: Developing Your Three Year Plan

Session Three Overview:

- 3.1 The Importance of Planning
- 3.2 The Holy Spirit and Planning
- 3.3 Setting SMART Goals
- 3.4 Budget Planning
- 3.5 Planning for Key Strategic Areas
- 3.6 Planning for Personnel and Context
- 3.7 How to Plan

Total Session Time: 2.5 hours

Learning Outcomes:

- You will formulate a strategically thought-out plan for your church plant as you listen to the Holy Spirit.

The importance of Planning

What word or concept does God seem to be emphasizing to you?

The Holy Spirit and Planning

Have you experienced times when rehearsing and/or planning helped you to be more spontaneous on the spot?

KEY QUOTE

“A really good plan doesn’t tie us down, but it actually frees us up to do what our father is doing.” — Michael Gatlin

Setting SMART Goals

Brainstorm possible goals to set for your church plant

Budget Planning

Share one way you have seen someone use money well. How can this inspire you as you budget for your church plant?

Planning for Key Strategic Areas

Prioritize which area you would like to set goals in first.

Identify at least one person that you could look to for advice

Planning for Personnel and Context

Why is it so important to recruit according to vision rather than friendship?

How to Plan

- Who are you connected with that can help you develop good plans?
- Who do you need to get to know?
- When can you set aside time for planning?
- Who should you include/keep informed as you plan?
- What is your next step?

Session Four: Healthy Church Plants Are Obsessively Outward Focus

Session Three Overview:

- 4.1 An Obsessively Outward Focus
 - 4.2 Why Evangelism Is Good News
 - 4.3 Objections to an Obsessively Outward Focus
 - 4.4 Specific Ways to Become Obsessively Outward Focused
- Total Session Time: 1.75 hours

Learning outcomes:

- You will grow in conviction that God's heart is for you is to focus outward and gather people who do not yet know Jesus.
- You will learn strategies to help keep and outward focus even when it is difficult.

An Obsessively Outward Focus

What kind of people are you apt to reach first, and whom do you want your ministry to extend to?

Write your own version of Romans 1:16:

I am not ashamed of the gospel, because it is the power of God that brings salvation to everyone who believes:

first to _____, then to _____.

KEY QUOTE

"Our most important priority in regards to God is worship. Our most important priority in regards to people is evangelism." — Rich Nathan

Why Evangelism Is Good News

Share one way that the gospel has been good news for you.

What is one part of the gospel you are excited about as really good news?

Objections to an Obsessively Outward Focus

How passionate are you about being outward focused? How about your team?

Specific Ways to Become Obsessively Outward Focused

What is one specific thing you can do now to become more outward focused yourself?

What is one thing you can do as a team to become more outward focused?

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