

# Church Planter Pathway for Planting (for the Planter)

## Phase One: God to You

Four Months

Prayer and Planning

Prayer Retreat

Identify and Notify Key People

Senior Pastor  
and DS

## Phase Two: You to Team

Four Months

Attend Key Training Events

EMT  
Assessment Center  
CPE

Determine Location  
Develop a Team

## Phase Three: Team to Church

Four Months

Begin Pre-Launch Events

At Least  
3 Events

Attend Training Events

CPC  
NCD

## 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

Secure the blessing and support of the senior pastor and district superintendent.

## 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.

### \*Assessment Center (CPC)

Every potential planter should attend an assessment. The assessment will help determine which potential planters have the greatest potential for church planting effectiveness.

### \*Church Planting Essentials (CPE)

Effective new churches need church planters trained in the essentials of planting a new church. This two-and-a-half-day training event will give planters the basic tools and skills for planting a church.

### Determine a Location

Prayerfully discern the best location for the new church to meet, considering vision, cost, visibility, and growth potential at the location.

### Develop a Launch Team

Prayerfully select and recruit a team of people who can help launch the church and help the church continue to grow and develop after its launch. Hopefully, some members of the launch team will not be Jesus followers yet.

### Develop a Core Group

Some team members will rise up and become key partners in helping develop the church. They may be staff that come on at the beginning to help launch the church. Some will rise up during Phases One, Two, and Three who are willing to commit at a higher level in sharing their finances, time, and resources than the launch team to help start 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.

### \*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.

### \*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.

## Phase Four: Church to World

### Launch Day

The first day of weekly services of the new church. This day should be a 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.