



CODE BLUE

TRAINING FOR LOCAL LEADERS

MODULE TWO

CORPS PLANTING

Session 1- Planting Purpose

Session 2- Planting Models

Session 3- Planting Preparation



PARTICIPANT'S MANUAL

The Salvation Army

Australia Territory



Corps Planting Session 1: Planting Purpose

AIM:

This session is designed to help participants understand the need to pursue corps planting in The Salvation Army. It will examine the biblical foundations for starting new congregations and identify potential fears and concerns.

***WITHOUT JESUS CHRIST, PEOPLE WILL MISS THE BEST IN
THIS LIFE AND EVERYTHING IN THE NEXT!***

***"The single most effective evangelistic methodology under
heaven is planting new churches"***

- Peter Wagner



What are your expectations from today?

What we will cover

Session 1:

- Provide a biblical foundation for starting new congregations
- Fears and concerns

Session 2:

- Starting a house church
- Briefly look at models of church planting

Session 3:

- What is a parent church?
- How and where do we begin?
- What does this mean for me?



BIBLICAL FOUNDATIONS **WHY START NEW CONGREGATIONS?**

Matthew 9:35-38

The harvest is _____

³⁵Jesus went through all the towns and villages, teaching in their synagogues, preaching the good news of the kingdom and healing every disease and sickness. ³⁶When he saw the crowds, he had compassion on them, because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd. ³⁷Then he said to his disciples, "The harvest is plentiful but the workers are few. ³⁸Ask the Lord of the harvest, therefore, to send out workers into his harvest field."

Matthew 28:18-20

The harvest is _____

¹⁸Then Jesus came to them and said, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. ¹⁹Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, ²⁰and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age."

John 4:35

The harvest is _____

³⁴"My food," said Jesus, "is to do the will of him who sent me and to finish his work. ³⁵Do you not say, 'Four months more and then the harvest'? I tell you, open your eyes and look at the fields! They are ripe for harvest."

Matthew 16:18

Church planting is _____

¹⁸And I tell you that you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of Hades will not overcome it.

Matthew 28:18-20

Jesus' _____

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In groups of 3, discuss the following: According to these Scriptures

- Why is corps planting an essential part of our ministry?
- What specific timeframe are we working to?
- What should the corps look like?

The goal is to make disciples of every segment of society

Acts 1:8
Jesus strategy

⁸But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth."

Acts: The early church grew rapidly after Pentecost, numerically, geographically and culturally.

Christianity has always expanded through churches planting churches



FEARS, CONCERNS AND BLOCKAGES TO CHURCH PLANTING

Leader's fears of vulnerability

- Don't know how
- Possibility of failure
- Damage to parent church
- Too busy with other issues
- Hedging on timing
- Loss of prestige
- Loss of salary
- Loss of opportunities
- Loss of key leaders
- Threatened by the new church taking wanted members

Congregational Fears

- Loss of security
- Loss of safety
- Loss of comfort
- Loss of friends
- Fear of costs

Concerns about church planting that might be expressed

- We already have enough churches
- We don't have enough leaders
- We will lose members if churches are planted
- We are not ready
- It will cost too much
- We can't do it – it's too hard
- We will not be able to do what we've been wanting to do – i.e. build

Blockages

Therefore, the things that may block the planting process are

- Fear rather than faith
- Desire for safety rather than willingness to sacrifice
- Complacency rather than compassion
- Isolation rather than involvement
- Laziness rather than leadership

SESSION SUMMATION

1 John 4:18a

"...There is no fear in love. But perfect love drives out fear..."