

Syllabus

Credit: 2

Course Description:

Our bodies have different systems: cardiovascular, nervous, respiratory etc. they are independent, but if any one of them fails, the whole body fails. It is the same in the body of Christ. Eight systems in the body of Christ have been studied. The course is designed to share what to do to develop the systems required to have a healthy body in the first five years of a church plants life.

Course objectives

1. Introduce the 12 Biblical Principles expanded and applied for new church dynamics
2. Identify the 5 phases for new church dynamics
3. Guide as to how church size impacts ministry
4. Create the need for systems
5. Develop the processes for dealing with discouragement, difficult people and time constraints

Learning Outcomes:

By the completion of this course the student will be able to:

1. Identify the 13 Biblical foundational principles applied for new church dynamics
2. Describe the five phases for new church dynamics
3. Explain the need for systems
4. Discuss the process for dealing with discouragement, difficult people and time constraints

Course Text

DCPI Church Planting Movement training manual

Methods of instruction

- Lecture
- Group discussion
- Overhead projection
- One on one

Course Requirements

Students will

1. Attend all sessions
2. Complete the work book as instruction takes place
3. Enter into all group discussions
4. Develop their own first draft VPT – Vision Plan Timeline for church planting
5. Give a presentation at the end of the course of their own VPT

Activities

The following activities address the differing sections of your workbook. Each activity will assist in compiling your response and understanding to the relevant subject in hand.

Activity 1

This is not graded it is simply a pass

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Personal evaluation based upon the 13 biblical principles of CPM

Activity 2

Develop your own VPT – Vision Timeline Plan

Activity 3

Personal evaluation of call and motivation in being a CPM leader

Activity 4

Interaction-Complete a daily interaction of **300-500 words after lecture every day**. The purpose is for you to engage with your learning each day. The best interaction papers focus on one or two thoughts that arise from your lecture. Compile your interactions in A4 page(s), double-spaced, 12 pt. Times New Roman font, neatly formatted and saved in Word .doc file, free from any spelling and grammatical errors.

*NOTE: DO NOT produce a summary of the reading.

Your interaction should consider the follow questions as a simple guide:

- Where do you find today's lecture/material helpful, confusing, or frustrating?
- What light does today's lecture/material shed on your own experience, and vice versa?
- Where do you feel yourself being challenged?
- How does today's lecture/material relate to you as a church-planter?

Evaluation

Undergraduate

Evaluation will be based on the completion of the "Church Planting Essentials" student handout covering the required 12 activities as well as the VPT – Vision Plan Timeline presentation.

Graduate

Activity 3 will be 25%, for part 2 will be 75% of the assessment mark

Book list

Church Planting / Growth

Dale Tony & Felicity & George Bana Small is Big. BV652.25 D25
Easum William. Church Growth Handbook. Abingdon BV652.25 E37
Ellas John W. Measuring Church Growth BV652.25 E42s
Elliott Ralph. Church Growth that Counts BV652.25 E44
Hunter George G. To Spread the Power – Church Growth in the Wesleyan Spirit BV652.25 H84
1987
Schaller Lyle E, 44 Questions for church planter BV652.24 S34]
Schwarz Christian A, Natural church Development BV652.24 S35 1996
Sinclair Daniel Pioneer Church Planting in Teams, BV652.24 856 2006
Wagner Peter, Church Planting for a greater harvest – BV67562.24 W34

Evangelism

Abraham William The Logic of Evangelism BV3790 A27
Aldrich Joseph. Life style evangelism B3790
Barna George. Evangelism that works BV3790 B228
Brow Robert. Go Make Evangelism – New model for BV3790 B68
Chang Hua Ha James. Church Planting Strategies BV 3790 H3
Ellis Roger. Radical Church Planting BV3790 E4
Godwin David E. Church planting Methods BV3790 G549
Hill Monica How to Plant Churches BV 3790 H6
Stringer Dr. Mission in the Arab World BV 2625 M57

Books

Miraculous Movements, Trousdale Jerry, Thomas Nelson, Nashville, 2012. ISBN 978-1-4185-4728-8
Movements that Changed the World, Addison Steve, Missional Press, Smyrna DE 19977., 2009, ISBN 13-
978-0-9798053-7-0
The New Dynamic Church Planting Handbook. Paul Becker, Jim Carpenter, Mark Williams

Workbooks

Church Planting Movement – Student Workbook

Journals

<http://journals.biola.edu/gcr/volumes/2/issues/2/articles/251>
<http://journalofmissionalpractice.com/church-planting-church-renewal/>
http://ag.org/discipleship_downloads/how_will_we_do_it.pdf

Web sites

DCPI – Dynamic Church Planting International

www.dcp.org

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