



THE CHALLENGES OF CHURCH PLANTING

WHAT TO KNOW
BEFORE
YOU START

Thinking about Church Planting but facing doubts or obstacles? You are not alone. Use this guide to think through some common concerns from current church planters.

Each section has a place to jot down your thoughts and feelings along with God's truth to remember and further resources to explore.

Am I qualified?

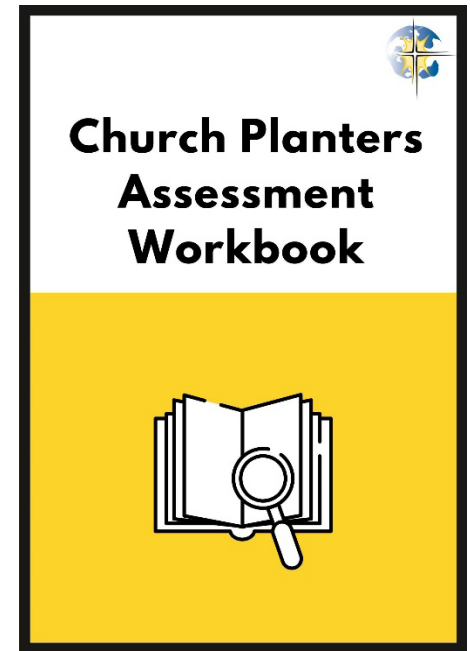
1. What strengths do I have that will aid me as a church planter?

2. What weaknesses do I have that will be a challenge while church planting?

3. Why do I want to church plant?

Remember: “But he said to me, ‘My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness.’ Therefore I will boast all the more gladly about my weaknesses, so that Christ’s power may rest on me.” 2 Corinthians 12:9

Resources: For a deep dive into church planting qualifications and assessing your own strengths and weaknesses, see the Church Planters Assessment Workbook. Click on the images or visit ChurchPlantingBFC.org/Resources for a free download.



Assessing Family & Financial Matters

- 1. How does my spouse feel about the possibility of church planting?

- 2. How will church planting impact my children? Parents? Other family members I care for?

Note:

Bible Fellowship Church Planters are guaranteed a salary. Although The church planter raises support, but Church Extension Ministries bridges any gap between your donors and your salary needs. This financial security ensures that our church planters can focus on church planting rather than worrying about income.

3. What financial preparations or changes will you need to make to support a transition to church planting?

Remember: “My God will meet all your needs according to the riches of his glory in Christ Jesus.” Philippians 4:19

Resources: For step-by-step help in raising financial support, see the Partnership Development Manual. Click on the image or visit ChurchPlantingBFC.org/Resources for a free download.



Starting from Scratch

1. In what areas of your current church life do you have a healthy discontentment? How have your past church experiences have given you a healthy discontentment?
2. Do you have a community in mind for church planting? If so, what needs does that community have?
3. Besides preaching in a weekly worship service, how do you foresee yourself sharing the gospel of Jesus?

4. What teams are needed to support a church plant?

Remember: “I will build my church and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it.” Matthew 16:18

Resources: How does a church plant go from an idea to a reality? See our step-by-step BFC Church Planting Guide to see each step of the process and a suggested timeline. Click on the image or visit ChurchPlantingBFC.org/Resources for a free download.



Let us help you as you explore church planting and discern whether it is part of God's calling for you. You may call us for an informal assessment conversation, for general guidance, or to formally apply to become a church planter with the Bible Fellowship Church.

Send resume to Director David Gundrum at davgun@dejazzd.com or Mentoring Assistant Tim Zuck at tim@forkscommunitychurch.org and ask for an initial exploratory church planting conversation.

Note: At this time we are looking for church planters in the United States and Mexico only.

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Ways to Participate in Church Planting

1. Be a Church Planter.
2. Be an Assistant Church Planter in an existing mission church.
3. Be an Aquila and Priscilla individual, couple, or family who attends a church plant for a short-term commitment and uses your gifts and skills to grow the church and connect with the community for Christ. This is a volunteer position.
4. Pray for and partner with an existing church planter. See our list of church plants at ChurchPlantingBFC.org.