

WE PLANT CHURCHES

VARIOUS SCRIPTURES

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We plant churches because Jesus loves the church (Eph5:29-30) ...in partnership with others (Acts13:1-3; 14:24-26) ...by developing and appointing planters (2Tim2:2; Titus1:5) ...dependent on the Holy Spirit (Acts2:47; 16:6-10) ...to influence and bless the culture around us (Matt5:13-16) ...to save sinners (1Tim3:15; Acts2:41; 4:4; 5:14).

GROUP DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. Do you have a desire to share the best parts of your church experience with others? What do you want them to know?
2. “If you don’t love the church, you don’t love Jesus.” In your experience, what causes people to say they like Jesus but not the church?
3. What do Ephesians 5:29-30 and John 10:11-13 teach us about Jesus’ attitude toward the church? What part of his attitude is reflected in your interaction with your church?
4. Who does your church work with to help other churches start and continue growing? (We work with Acts 29 Canada.) How can you better support one of your church planting partnerships?

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5. What indicates that the Holy Spirit is responsible for a new church's growth? What role does the church body play as God establishes that ministry?

6. There are a variety of costs associated with church planting. We devote people, resources, money, and time. In the short term, it may feel like we give up more than we gain. How might investing in church planting develop church-wide maturity in the long run?

7. Are there any people you know that need a different kind of church to reach out to them? What does that church need to do with them to build trust and influence?