

10/29/17 | Plant Utah: Church Planting



When he saw the crowds, he had compassion for them, because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd. Then he said to his disciples, "The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few; therefore pray earnestly to the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest."

—Matthew 9:36-38, ESV

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:

1. WHAT IS THE PRESSING NEED OF OUR GENERATION?
-For every disciple to be reproducing disciples, every pastor to be reproducing pastors, every church to be reproducing churches.
(Matthew 4:19, 2 Timothy 2:2, Acts 1:8)
2. HOW OLD OR HOW LARGE MUST A CHURCH BE TO PLANT ANOTHER CHURCH?
-The church at Jerusalem had only 120 members when they were commissioned to reach the entire world (Acts 1:8,15), the church of Thessalonica was about one year old when Paul wrote 1 Thessalonians 1:8, the church at Antioch was only a few years old when they set out to reach the world.
3. WHAT IF OUR CHURCH HAS NO EXTRA LEADERS TO SEND?
-Matthew 9:38, develop leaders within the church. The Jerusalem church sent Philip (Acts 8:5), Barnabas (Acts 11:22), and Silas (Acts 15:25-27).
4. WHERE DOES A CHURCH GET THE FUNDS FOR NEW CHURCH PLANTS?
-James 4:2; where God leads, God provides, and He does above all we ask or think (Ephesians 3:20, 4:12); a current missions' budget as well as special offerings or fundraisers can be used.
5. WHAT IF OUR OWN CHURCH HAS PRESSING NEEDS?
-Give and it shall be given unto you (Luke 6:38); may God help us overcome a "scarcity mentality" when it comes to our local area,

our finances, and even our own people.

6. IS IT WISE TO PLANT A CHURCH AT THE SAME TIME WE'RE BUILDING OUR JERUSALEM CHURCH?

-“Both” equals simultaneously “both in Jerusalem and in Judaea, etc. (Acts 1:8), the Biblical command is to reach the entire world in each generation.

7. ARE THERE MATERIALS AVAILABLE TO HELP IN THE PROCESS OF CHURCH PLANTING?

-Start with the book of Acts for your philosophy of church planting, study 1 and 2 Timothy and Titus with a church planting focus.

8. WHAT IS THE GREAT COMMISSION?

-The Great Commission includes evangelism; baptizing; mobilizing, “Teaching them to observe all things;” we cannot obey the command to go to Judaea, Samaria, or the uttermost part of the earth without also starting new churches as we go.

9. WHERE DID THE CHURCH IN JERUSALEM FIRST CHOOSE TO PLANT OTHER CHURCHES?

-The first churches planted in Acts were in Judaea and Samaria (Acts 9:31); every church needs to have a plan to start additional churches in their own Judaea and Samaria.

10. WHY IS CHURCH PLANTING SO IMPORTANT?

-Jesus said, “I will build my church; and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it” (Matthew 16:18); the Lord’s building program involves the multiplication of local New Testament churches; we cannot reach our world without embracing the need for reproducing churches that will reproduce more churches.