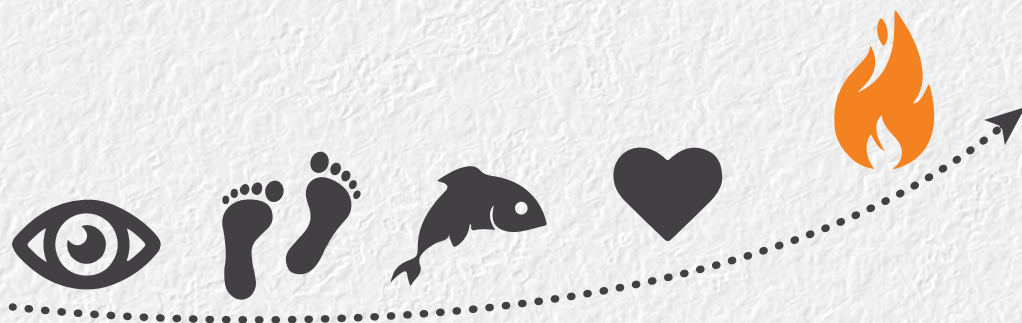


HOW TO
PLANT A CHURCH
IN

One Year

JESUS METHOD
OF DISCIPLESHIP



There's a big difference between being a church member and being a disciple of Jesus. When we decide to follow Jesus, He calls us into a deeper and fuller understanding of His will for our lives. Jesus' calls can be applied for disciple-making and church planting this way:

- The first call was to "Come and See". We call this the Experiential Phase.
- The second call is a call to "Follow Me". This is a Relational Phase.
- The third call: "Come and Fish with Me". This is a Participatory Phase.
- The fourth call: "Sacrifice with Me". We call this the Sacrificial Phase.
- And the fifth call is to "Receive the Spirit". This is the Empowered Phase.

So let's look more closely at these five calls of Jesus.

1. THE FIRST CALL; THE EXPERIENTIAL PHASE:

This is where Jesus gave His first invitation to Come and See, after His baptism and temptations. The response of John's two disciples who spent the day with him indicates that Jesus shared with them the evidence of His Messiahship: The experience of Jesus. This is why "Come and See" is the invitation where we first experience Jesus ourselves. Everyone who's been called by Jesus has had a time of preparation in their lives as they've been prepared to experience Jesus personally. It may look different for us all but God has been at work getting us ready to meet Jesus.

2. THE SECOND CALL; "COME AND FOLLOW ME" IS THE RELATIONAL PHASE.

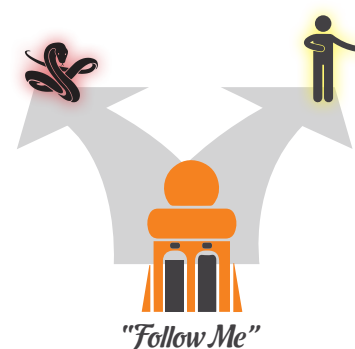
Jesus gave His second invitation to follow me as He selected those whose hearts were open to follow Him into a life of service. His first disciples were ordinary people who'd been impacted by Jesus' teaching and ministry. Each disciple today must make a decision to follow Jesus as well. Our choice to follow Jesus means that we allow Him to direct us into the life of discipleship. This is when our life begins to impact the lives of others who God is leading to us. Jesus begins to lay down His Kingdom movement foundations in our life personally.

3. THE THIRD CALL IS THE PARTICIPATION PHASE. JESUS' THIRD INVITATION IS TO MAKE US FISHERS OF MEN AND WOMEN.

As Jesus gathered disciples around Him, He led them on ministry fishing trips to bring lost souls into the Kingdom of God. Ordinary believers became disciples and co-workers with Jesus in bringing healing and salvation to the life of other people. In the same way Jesus is asking us today, to go fishing with Him for broken people around us who need healing and salvation now. Our work is to participate with Jesus on His Kingdom agenda of making more disciples. This is where the joy of being a Christian is really found.

4. THE FOURTH CALL IS A CALL TO SACRIFICE: THE SACRIFICIAL PHASE.

Jesus calls us to alter our worldly thinking and learn to love others and live sacrificially for the benefit of those who don't know Him. Jesus modelled a worldview shaped by love for others, supreme self-denial and sacrifice. His "Sermon on the Mount" is a blueprint for living and investing in building other disciples who make more disciples. When Jesus appointed the twelve [disciples] from a larger group, He invited them to love their enemies and live sacrificially for others. He was transforming their worldview according to His Kingdom and multiplying His impact by empowering others to take His place. This training and capacity-building, His call to His church planting movement today. We also need to see ourselves as disciple-makers who live sacrificially, investing in other disciples



to take our place as leaders in church planting.

5. NUMBER FIVE IS THE EMPOWERED PHASE

His last call. Jesus took sacrifice to its ultimate end demonstrating the radical nature of His worldview; giving up His life for others. Then following His resurrection, He appeared to His disciples and said,

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“As the Father has sent me, I am sending you.” And with that he breathed on them and said, “Receive the Holy Spirit.”

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JOHN 20:21-22

This was the transition to the fifth phase of ministry: The Empowerment Phase. Jesus’ ministry began with His baptism by the Spirit. Now his disciples, His Body, the Church, would be baptised with the same Spirit for the same work. Jesus was stepping away; the movement had begun. Jesus’ dream of church planting is still the same today. We need to continue His divine plan of planting groups of disciples throughout the entire world. The church is people, not buildings and we need to plant churches of disciples.

Jesus Method of Discipleship

Reflection Questions

1. What can I and my team do to move a step closer to planting a church in my sphere of influence?
2. Who could help me through this process?
3. What is my next step toward planting a new church?



“Receive the Spirit”