
TWO IMPORTANT CHURCH PLANTING QUESTIONS

Romans 15:20, 30

- If church planting is both Biblical and necessary, why do we fail to do it?
- Is it not our responsibility to promote church planting and assist the men who are doing it?

“I certainly do rejoice in the many new churches being started, but it is also true that the **failure rate** is higher than it should be. Why?”
--Dr. Grant Rice

I. WHY DO SO MANY CHURCH PLANTERS STRUGGLE?

- A. The church planter failed to preach the gospel, **disciple** converts, and **train** leaders.
- B. The church planter was **never** really called.
- C. The church planter was poorly **trained**.
- D. The church planter was not properly **resourced**.
- E. The church planter failed to **form** an adequate **prayer** team.
- F. The church planter did not **receive** support and assistance from his **sending** church.
- G. The church planter’s **wife** was not ready for the challenge.
- H. The church planter was too heavily in **debt**.
- I. The church planter did not develop and execute a solid **time-line** and **strategy**.
- J. The church planter selected the **wrong** meeting **location**.
- K. The church planter was **disorganized**.
- L. The church planter struggled to build **relationships**.
- M. The church planter lacked **experience** and refused to **seek** help.
- N. The church planter became overwhelmed with **discouragement**.
- O. The church planter was **lazy**.

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II. HOW CAN WE HELP THEM SUCCEED?

- A. See the United States as a mission field.
- B. Support and encourage a church planter regardless of minor differences.
- C. Focus on church planting as well as church growth.
- D. Forget previous “bad experiences” and get involved again.
- E. Learn what is required of a sending church and fulfill that role.
 - 1. Fervent prayer
 - 2. Constant encouragement
 - 3. Personal mentoring
 - 4. Financial support (significant!)
 - 5. Human resources
 - 6. Available equipment (technology/office)
 - 7. Pastoral contacts (for purposes of support)