
WHY PLANT CHURCHES IN AMERICA?

I Corinthians 3:6,7

- All of us would agree that the Apostle Paul was a brilliant theologian, a gifted writer, and a spirit-filled preacher . . .
- But if Paul was anything, he was a missionary church planter!
- Paul and other godly men planted high-impact churches in key cities such as Derbe, Lystra, Antioch, Philippi, Corinth, and Ephesus.
- Just as it was accomplished in the days of Paul, it must be accomplished once again!
- Church planting is the center of all effective missionary endeavors.

I. WHAT IS CHURCH PLANTING?

- Church planting is a laborious yet _____ spiritual journey that involves an orderly _____ of starting and building new local churches, based on the Word of God.

A. Church planting is _____:

- There is a _____ = To glorify God by preaching Christ!
- There is a _____ = To evangelize the lost!
- There is a _____ = To depend on the Holy Spirit!

B. Church planting is _____:

- It includes _____ = It demands confidence in God!
- It includes _____ = It requires teamwork!
- It includes _____ = It involves excitement and anticipation!

II. EIGHT REASONS TO PLANT NEW CHURCHES IN AMERICA

- A. Because church planting is all about _____ the gospel – I Corinthians 1:17, 18, 23
- B. Because during the past decade, on average, _____ churches closed each year in the United States!
- C. Because the church-to-population _____ has declined.

Why Plant Churches in America?

- In 1920, ____ churches existed for every 10,000 Americans.
 - In 1950, ____ churches existed for every 10,000 Americans.
 - In 2004, ____ churches existed for every 10,000 Americans.
- D. Because many _____ churches are not seeing people come to Christ.
- E. Because America's _____ is expanding at a record rate!
- The population of the United States _____ by 27.3 million people between 2000 and 2010.
 - In 1900, there were _____ people per square mile. In 2010, there were _____ people per square mile.
- F. Because nearly ____% of new church plants fail!
- G. Because Bible-believing churches in the United States form the greatest source of _____ missions endeavors.
- H. Because _____ - _____ of the US population—some 200+ million Americans—_____ a mission field!
- Church planting is NOT an option—it is an imperative!

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