

Why Would We Plant a Church?

1. You are obedient to the Great Commission. You realize that Jesus' last words are of great importance and that He spoke them to you. (See Matthew 28:19-20.)
2. You are motivated by the Great Commandment. Paul says in 2 Corinthians 5: "Christ's love compels us because we are convinced that One died for all." When a person realizes what Jesus has done for him and he truly loves others, he is motivated or compelled to follow the example of Christ.
3. You have harvest eyes. What do you see when you encounter the people in your community? Do you see them as God does? In Matthew 9 are these gripping words: "When He looked out over the crowds, His heart broke. So confused and aimless they were, like sheep with no shepherd. 'What a huge harvest!' He said to His disciples. 'How few workers! Get on your knees and pray for harvest hands!'"
4. You work in partnership with God. God is always working on people's hearts. When you pray for a neighbor or invite a friend to an event, God is already present, softening their hearts, impressing them to listen, and urging them to take a step toward Christ. Your part is to team up with God and provide the voice or hands through which God can touch their lives. (See Revelation 22:17.)
5. You have a plan. You are intentional. You write the names of people in your closest sphere of influence on an impact list and you pray for them every day. In addition to prayer, you watch for opportunities to spend quality time with them. You scheme and plan to interact with them in hopes of nudging them closer to Christ. "From now on," Paul said to the Corinthians, "we regard no one from a worldly point of view... God has committed to us the ministry of reconciliation" (2 Corinthians 5:16-20).

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