



## CHURCH PLANTERS SCHOOL

### Curriculum Development for Church Planters Training

The target group for this training is for rural churches who have elders or deacons who are involved in Church planting but have had little or no biblical training. This is not to say that others will not benefit from the programme. It is also aimed at those who cannot afford formal Bible School training or do not have the necessary entrance requirements for colleges.

The basics that need to be taught:

1. Skills
2. Content (See Curriculum below)

#### SKILLS

##### *Language and communication skills*

- ♦ Reading
- ♦ Comprehension (includes interpretation of Scripture)
- ♦ Research (finding information)
- ♦ Writing
- ♦ Speaking (Includes preaching)
- ♦ Listening
- ♦ Memorisation
- ♦ Comparison

Develop preaching and teaching skills along the way.

Start with 2-3 minute presentations i.e. give an explanation; story telling; demonstrations, illustrations.

Based on course material - each student may be given a different skill to be evaluated on.

##### *Life skills*

- ♦ Planning
- ♦ Research (information search)
- ♦ Brain storming (collecting ideas from a group)
- ♦ Decision making
- ♦ Implementation
- ♦ Evaluation
- ♦ Observation
- ♦ Recording information
- ♦ Interpreting information
- ♦ Map reading

## ***Preaching***

Develop preaching and teaching skills along the way.

Give opportunities for 2-3 presentations on topics discussed. Each one can be given a different aspect to focus on e.g. Give an explanation, present a challenge, tell a story, give a suitable illustration, etc.

In actual preaching teach the difference between topical preaching and exposition.

Good to take a specific book and preach through it.

Important for Old Testament (Rom.15:4) - Be careful to not over spiritualise the Old Testament.

## **COURSE TIME TABLE**

- Best if all students can be accommodated on site for convenience and punctuality.
- The course will be 11 weeks, one week per month running from January to November. Other alternatives can be considered to suit circumstances of learners.
- A week will run from Monday to Friday. The day's programme will be as follows:
  - 08:00 – 09:00 Devotions and Prayer
  - 09:05 – 11:00 Two sessions with a short break in between.
  - 11:00 – 11:20 Tea
  - 11:20 – 13:00 Two sessions a short break in between
  - 13:00 – 14:00 Lunch
  - 14:00 – 15:00 One session
- Rest of the day can be divided up into finishing assignments and practical work.
- Approximately 4.5 hrs per day. Total course will be  $4.5 \times 5 \times 11 = 247.5$  hrs.

## **TRAINERS**

A train the trainer programme will be run. The concept is that each major region will have trainers and a sponsoring church where training can be held. Local pastors who have a passion for church planting can be recruited.

## Proposed Curriculum for Church Planters School

Lunches and Teas must be organised

Dates	Major Focus	Topics	Trainers	Comments
<b>Module 1</b> 17 Lessons	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Spirituality</b></li> <li>• <b>Spiritual Disciplines</b></li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Spirituality</b></li> <li>• <b>Spiritual Disciplines</b>                Giving, Prayer, Fasting.  <u><b>Individual Disciplines:</b></u>                Meditation, Study, Sacrifice, Simplicity, Frugality, Solitude, Silence, Secrecy, Chastity  <u><b>Corporate Disciplines:</b></u>                Service, Celebration, Worship, Fellowship, Submission, Confession, Guidance/Vision             </li> </ul>		More specifics about vision under leadership
<b>Module 2</b>	<b>The Message of the Bible</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>O T Survey</b></li> <li>• <b>N T Survey</b></li> </ul>	<b>God's love Story</b>	Both O T & N T Surveys Focus on the main message of the Bible by examining various themes via some of the main characters
<b>Module 3</b>	<b>Foundations of the Faith</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Doctrines</b>                (God, Sin &amp; Satan, The Bible, Jesus Christ, Salvation, Holy Spirit, The Church, Last days Heaven &amp; Hell)</li> </ul>		
<b>Module 4</b>	<b>Evangelism</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Personal testimony development</b></li> <li>• <b>One on one</b></li> <li>• <b>Groups</b></li> <li>• <b>Lifestyle evangelism</b></li> <li>• <b>Missionaries</b></li> <li>• <b>Weddings &amp; funerals</b></li> <li>• <b>Movies/tracts</b></li> <li>• <b>Sport</b></li> </ul>		
Dates	Major Focus	Topics	Trainers	Comments
<b>Module 5</b>	<b>Church</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Church Planting</b></li> <li>• <b>Spiritual Gifts</b></li> <li>• <b>Leadership &amp; Government</b></li> <li>• <b>Worship</b></li> <li>• <b>Ministries:</b>                Sunday School, Youth, Women, Men, Admin.</li> </ul>		Revisiting Church with an emphasis on the need for fellowship and to have an accountability structure

<b>Module 6</b>	<b>Preaching 1</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Purpose of Preaching</b></li> <li>• <b>Preparing a sermon</b></li> <li>• <b>Preaching a sermon</b></li> </ul>		
<b>Module 7</b>	<b>Preaching 2</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Hermeneutics (SPADE method)</b></li> <li>• <b>Different styles</b></li> <li>• <b>Communication- Key components</b></li> </ul>		Be a dynamic effective communicator
<b>Module 8</b>	<b>Social Ministries</b> Matt. 25:31-45 Luke 4:18-19	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>HIV/AIDS</b></li> <li>• <b>Biblical Counselling</b></li> <li>• <b>Prison Ministry</b></li> <li>• <b>Hospital Ministry</b></li> <li>• <b>Job Creation</b></li> </ul>		Special emphasis on building community relationships & ministering to the poor and needy.
<b>Module 9</b>	<b>Ethics 1</b> <b>Living for Jesus</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Finances</b> (poverty &amp; wealth)</li> <li>• <b>Stewardship</b></li> <li>• <b>Addictions</b></li> <li>• <b>Politics</b> (church &amp; state)</li> <li>• <b>Abortion</b></li> <li>• <b>Family violence</b></li> <li>• <b>Ethnic conflict</b></li> </ul>		We must make ethics as applicable and practical to the students community as possible
<b>Dates</b>	<b>Major Focus</b>	<b>Topics</b>	<b>Trainers</b>	<b>Comments</b>
<b>Module 10</b>	<b>Marriage</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Biblical view of Marriage</b></li> <li>• <b>Biblical view of Sexuality</b></li> <li>• <b>Alternative lifestyles</b></li> <li>• <b>Divorce</b></li> <li>• <b>Effect of addictions and abuse on family</b></li> </ul>		
<b>Module 11</b>	<b>Preaching 3 &amp; Church planting</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Reinforcing &amp; re-emphasising the importance of preaching</b></li> <li>• <b>Practical preaching</b> (Christian Family-children, parents)</li> <li>• <b>The Know How of Church planting</b></li> </ul>		

## Resources List

**January** - Lecture Notes

**February** - Lecture Notes

**March** - Foundations of the Faith, Evangel book, TEE Cape Town Seminary

**April** - Lecture Notes

**May** - BU series: *Discipleship in 21<sup>st</sup> Century*, Go for God, Home Cell Leader's Guide. Lecture notes

**June** - Lecture Notes

**July** - Lecture Notes

**August** - Crown Financial Ministries *Money God's Principles*; BU series: *Discipleship in 21<sup>st</sup> Century*, Stewardship.

**September** - Lecture Notes

**October** - BU series: *Discipleship in 21<sup>st</sup> Century*, Spiritual Gifts, Developing the Ministry of women in the Local Church, Lecture Notes

**November** - Lecture Notes, BU series: *Discipleship in 21<sup>st</sup> Century*, The Know-How of Planting a Baptist Church, Acts 19 & 20 See commentaries on Acts by Barclay and John Mac Arthur

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