

## Church Planting and Renewal Track I Orientation



### Welcome to Church Planting & Renewal Track I (6 Courses)

In this track you'll learn how to plant and renew gospel-centered churches that transform lives and communities, culminating in a practical *Church Development Plan*. After you complete these 6 courses, it's highly recommend you complete the next 6 courses in Church Planting & Renewal Track II: Prayer, Styles, Models, Conflict, Planning, and Priorities.

In this track, you'll learn how to develop a biblical church vision, confirm your ministry calling, and gain deeper insight into your community. Through interactive videos, practical readings, forum discussions, and adult-learning activities, you'll also learn how to formulate your philosophy of ministry, define your church priorities, and identify your church's core beliefs and values. Every course contributes to your *Church Development Plan*.

#### Church Planting & Renewal Courses:

- Vision: What is my church's vision and mission?
- Calling: How can I confirm my call to ministry?
- Focus: How can I know my community deeply?
- Philosophy: How do I contextualize faithfully?
- Purpose: What are my church ministry priorities?
- Values: What are my core beliefs and values?

#### Church Development Plan:

- Vision Statement
- Calling Statement
- Focus Statement
- Philosophy Statement
- Purpose Statement
- Values Statement



# What Makes Our Courses Effective?

## Proven Learning Methods



You'll experience proven methods and practical exercises so you'll learn better and faster with less passive listening to lectures and more active learning. With interactive videos you can stop, slow down, speed up, and read the transcript later to master the concepts. You can even download the videos and MP3's.

## Learning in Community



You'll encounter transformational learning in community as you apply online lessons with others in a cohort group. You'll learn how to answer practical questions and solve problems together through the ongoing give and take of face-to-face relationships –all led by a trained facilitator.

## Measurable Outcomes



You'll discover your individualized learning pathway by developing a unique set of measurable outcomes designed for you to use with a coach or mentor. You'll measure not you're your knowledge, but also the character and skills that are essential for effective ministry.

## Contextualized Curriculum



You'll customize and adapt the curriculum not only to your language, but also to the particular culture where you live and serve. Thousands of church leaders from more than 50 countries and 300 denominations have taken this training.

## Lifelong Learning



You'll access these courses, not just when you're preparing for ministry, but also later, when you really need them. You'll keep learning from these courses as you face new ministry challenges that require helpful answers to hard questions and practical solutions to common problems.



## How It Works

### Interactive Online and Onsite Courses

Watching a video is just one of many interactive steps in these courses. Other steps include readings from experts, interactive assessments, forum discussions, attending events, doing projects based on critical ministry milestones listed in every lesson, etc.

Leaders can even download the video and MP3 podcasts and transcripts for learning offline. These learning activities are designed to help leaders, one step at a time, interact with what they're learning in order to discover practical new ways to apply these ideas to real needs in their life and ministry.

**Church Planting Track I (6 Courses)**  
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About Path Community

- Capturing God-Centered Vision**
- Discovering God's Call to the Ministry** (Mar 11)
- Knowing Your Ministry Focus Group** (Apr 8)
- Establishing a Philosophy of Ministry** (Apr 30)
- Strengthening the Biblical Purposes** (May 15)
- Developing Core Values and Beliefs** (Jun 10)



*Church Planting & Renewal Track Cohort (with Urban Ministry Cohort) in Baltimore, Maryland*

### **Transformational Learning: The Master's Method**

You'll prepare for your regular cohort meetings by completing all the interactive online lessons for a course before you meet. There are usually 6 lessons in every course.

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On the day of your cohort meeting, you share what you've learned, listen to what others are learning, reflect on the meaning and application of what you hear, and pray with others.

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As you interact and challenge each other over time, you begin developing new levels of critical thinking about common problems you're trying to solve. In the process, you learn how to be more creative and innovative in discovering helpful answers to challenging questions and practical solutions to the problems you face in the trenches of real ministry.

Through these group meetings you *learn how to learn*, developing into a life-long learner. The cohort group model resembles the discipleship model Jesus used for training church leaders, more than the traditional classroom or conference model used today.



# The Big Picture

Before you begin, it's important for you to understand the big picture regarding tracks, courses, lesson, and steps. Here are the basics:

## Tracks

A learning track consists of 6 courses. The Church Planting I Track includes:

1. Vision Course
2. Calling Course
3. Focus Course
4. Philosophy Course
5. Purpose Course
6. Values Course

## Courses

Each course has 5-6 lessons – usually 6.

## Lessons

Each lesson usually has 6-7 Learning Steps (Read, Take, Watch, To-Do, etc.). Example: Lesson 2 in the Vision Course is called Vision for the Glory of God. This lesson has 7 Learning Steps:

Lesson 2

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### Vision for the Glory of God

God's primary purpose for the world is that his name would be glorified as he is worshipped and enjoyed by all nations. But we don't worship and cherish God like we should because we cherish idols in his place. Only as we repent of our idolatry and draw near to Christ in faith will his streams of living water flow through us.

	<b>Read: Lesson Introduction</b> <small>Optional • 5m • 10 Points</small>
	<b>Take: Reflection Questions</b> <small>Optional • 5m • 10 Points</small>
	<b>Watch: Vision for the Glory of God</b> <small>16m</small>
	<b>To-Do: Discussion Questions</b> <small>Optional • 20m • 25 Points</small>
	<b>To-Do: Read &amp; Discuss: Heart Idolatry (Going Deeper)</b> <small>Optional</small>
	<b>To-Do: Prayer</b> <small>10m • 15 Points</small>
	<b>Take: Review Quiz</b> <small>3m • 20 Points</small>

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## Lesson Steps

Each learning step is designed to be completed in 5-10 minutes. Some steps take less than 5 minutes and others can take up to 20 minutes. The 20 minute steps are usually discussion forum steps.

*Step Times and Points:* If you look closely, you'll see that each step has the approximate amount of time the step should normally take in minutes (5m, 10m, 15m, etc.) and a number of points (10 points, 20 points, etc.) earned for successfully completing the step. These points are for those taking a course for a certificate or credit. Or the points can be used informally for helping you and a coach evaluate your progress.

*Optional Steps:* Sometimes Lessons will have Optional Steps. These are for students who want to go deeper on their own. They are required for all certificate and credit students.

## HELPFUL TIPS

### How to get the most out of a course. Here's the secret!

*Here's the secret to success! Take 1 lesson at a time (6-7 steps). At the most 2 lessons.*

Each course lesson is designed to be taken in less than one hour as a stand-alone unit, beginning with an introduction and ending with a prayer and quiz. So the ideal learning experience is to schedule 6 separate times to spend no more than 1 hour taking each lesson. But life often doesn't work that way. So sometimes you might need to work through 2 lessons at one time. That's OK. But heed this important warning:

**Warning: If you take more than 2 lessons at one time, your mind will be overwhelmed and you will not really learn.** So, do yourself a big favor, and try not to work through more than 2 lessons at one time.

### Don't Do This

Don't wait to start working on the lessons until 1-2 days before your deadline for completing the course. Usually the course completion deadline is at midnight before the day of your cohort meeting to discuss the course lessons. Want to know the biggest mistake leaders make when taking these courses? They procrastinate. And then they cram by taking more than 2 lessons at a time a few days before the deadline.

### Do This

Schedule blocked-out-times of 1-2 hours each for completing 1 or 2 lessons each time.

## Church Development Foundations (Tracks I and II)



### Church Planting & Renewal Track I (6 courses)

In these courses, leaders learn how to develop a biblical church vision, confirm their ministry calling, and gain deeper insight into their community. Through interactive videos, practical readings, forum discussions, and adult-learning activities, they also learn how to formulate their philosophy of ministry, define their church priorities, and identify their church's core beliefs and values. Every course contributes to the leaders' *Church Planting Plan (Proposal)*

#### 6 Courses:

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- Calling: How can we confirm our call to ministry?
- Focus: How can we know our community more deeply?
- Philosophy: How do we contextualize more faithfully?
- Purpose: What are our church priorities in ministry?
- Values: What are our core beliefs, values & behaviors?

#### Church Development Plan 1

Vision Statement  
 Calling Statement  
 Focus Statement  
 Philosophy Statement  
 Purpose Statement  
 Values Statement

### Church Planting & Renewal Track II (6 courses)

In these 6 courses leaders learn how to build a Kingdom prayer ministry, determine ministry styles, and design their most effective ministry models. Through interactive videos, practical readings, forum discussions, and adult-learning activities, leaders also learn how to develop a strategic planning process and re-align their personal priorities. Every course contributes to the leaders' *Church Planting Plan (Proposal)*.

#### 6 Courses:

- Prayer: How do we develop prayer ministries?
- Styles: What does ministry look like in this culture?
- Models: How will the church ministries make disciples?
- Conflict: How can we help prevent and manage conflict?
- Planning: What is our plan for the next 12 months?
- Priorities: How can we survive and thrive personally?

#### Church Development Plan 2

Prayer Plan  
 Styles Statement  
 Ministry Model  
 Conflict Plan  
 Ministry Plan  
 Personal Plan

**Outcome: Church Development Plan (Based on outcomes above: Statements and Plans)**



## Church Renewal Essentials (Tracks I and II)



### Church Renewal Track I (6 courses)

These 6 courses are designed to give church leaders a biblical, theological, missiological, and practical introduction to the ministry of church renewal. The emphasis is on equipping leaders with the principles and strategies needed for growing and renewing healthy, reproducing, gospel-centered churches that result in transformed lives and communities. Every course contributes to the leaders' *Church Renewal Plan (Proposal)*.

#### 6 Courses:

- Vision: What is our church's vision and mission?
- Prayer: How do we develop Kingdom prayer ministry?
- Worship: How do we develop God-honoring worship?
- Preaching: How do we have Christ-centered preaching?
- Discipleship: How do we make more and better disciples?
- Groups : How do we nurture healthy small groups?

#### Church Renewal Plan 1

- Vision Statement
- Prayer Plan
- Worship Plan
- Preaching Plan
- Discipleship Plan
- Groups Plan

### Church Renewal Track II (6 courses)

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#### 6 Courses:

- Evangelism: How do we bring the Good News?
- Mercy: How do we mobilize mercy ministries?
- Work: How do we integrate our Faith and Work?
- Missions: How do we advance Christian mission?
- Leadership: How do we develop godly leaders?
- Renewal: How do we keep leading the church to health?

#### Church Renewal Plan 2

- Outreach Plan
- Mercy Plan
- Faith-Work Plan
- Missions Plan
- Leadership Plan
- Renewal Plan

**Outcome: Church Renewal Plan (Based on outcomes above: Statements and Plans)**