

## TO EXPLAIN THE GOSPEL

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## GATHERING NEW CHURCHES

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Each new church has a:

**Plan:** see "Planting Churches that Multiply" guide.

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**Authority:** Word and Spirit.

**Community:** do service projects.

**Leadership:** use gifts of Spirit.

**Activities:**

Great Command  
(Matthew 22:37–39):

- Worship.
- Ministry.

Great Commission  
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- Evangelism.
- Community.
- Christlikeness.

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Supportive (Acts 11:27–29).

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- Give new life to existing churches.
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- Engage with the Spirit outside the church.
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## MULTIPLICATION PLAN

Each new church:

- Teaches the Harvest Model.
- Equips each believer to identify: Their relational stream. People of peace (Luke 10:5–7). Steps to make disciples (Luke 10:8, 9).
- Equips another group to start.
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## COUNTER-CULTURAL DISCIPLE- MAKING, CHURCH-PLANTING, MOVEMENT-BUILDING

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## FOUNDATIONAL PRINCIPLES

- The church has been given its commission. Matthew 28:16–20.
- The church has the keys to the Kingdom. Matthew 16:13–20.
- The church is a gathering of Jesus' disciples. Matthew 18:15–20.
- God's kingdom is like the harvest process. Mark 4:26–29.
- Disciples multiply in relational streams. Luke 10:1–9.
- Evangelism and church are Holy Spirit activities. Acts 1:1–2:47.
- The church is to have the attitude of Jesus. Philippians 2:1–11.

## RESILIENT DISCIPLES

## HARVEST MODEL

Making disciples who multiply  
(Matthew 28:16–20;  
Mark 4:26–29; Luke 10:1–9)

### PREPARE THE SOIL

**Step 1 Pray** (Luke 10:1–4).

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Find people of peace:

1. Eat with them (their story)
2. Heal them (our story)
3. Point to (God's story)

### SOW THE SEED

**Step 3 Sow Gospel**

Encourage to read the Gospel of Mark. Use "DISCOVERY BIBLE READING"

### CULTIVATE THE PLANT

**Step 4 Grow** (God's work)

Share "ELEMENTARY TEACHINGS"

After Mark, read the Gospel of John and Acts.

### HARVEST THE CROP

**Step 5 Gather**

See "GATHERING—NEW CHURCHES" Activities (Acts 2:42–47).

### MULTIPLY THE HARVEST

Continually foster steps 1-5.  
Equip another core team.  
Pray—encourage others—invite people.

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## DISCOVERY BIBLE READING

A simple effective reading plan, whatever your level of knowledge or experience of Jesus:

- Friends meet to read a gospel (Mark's gospel is a good place to start).
- One person prays this prayer: *Dear God, please guide us. Thank You. Amen.*
- Start to read at the beginning—one story at a time.
- Read each story through twice, then retell the story in your own words.
- Discuss using five bookmark questions:
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Tell others of this Bible-reading plan:

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Then, follow the above process for the next story.

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(Hebrews 6:1, 2):

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- Death (John 11).
- Sabbath (John 5 or 9).
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**Discussion:**

Use the Discovery Bible Reading method to discuss.

**Finally:**

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