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Church Planting

The Church Isn't A Building, But People

2 Corinthians 2:15-16 - *Our lives are a Christ-like fragrance rising up to God. But this fragrance is perceived differently by those who are being saved and by those who are perishing. ¹⁶ To those who are perishing, we are a dreadful smell of death and doom. But to those who are being saved, we are a life-giving perfume. And who is adequate for such a task as this?*

Planting A Church Is More About What Jesus Can Do Through His People, Then What People Can Do For Jesus

1. Church Plants Effect Communities.

Matthew 13:33 - *Jesus also used this illustration: "The Kingdom of Heaven is like the yeast a woman used in making bread. Even though she put only a little yeast in three measures of flour, it permeated every part of the dough."*

2. Church Plants Fulfill The Great Commission.

Luke 14:23 - *So his master said, 'Go out into the country lanes and behind the hedges and urge anyone you find to come, so that the house will be full.'*

Matthew 28:18-20 - *Jesus came and told his disciples, "I have been given all authority in heaven and on earth. ¹⁹ Therefore, **GO** and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit. ²⁰ Teach these new disciples to obey all the commands I have given you. And be sure of this: I am with you always, even to the end of the age."*

3. Church Plants Create Community.

Luke 15:1-2 - *Tax collectors and other notorious sinners often came to listen to Jesus teach. ² This made the Pharisees and teachers of religious law complain that he was associating with such sinful people—even eating with them!*

4. We Along With The Church Plant Get To Partner With God.

1 Corinthians 3:5-7 - *After all, who is Apollos? Who is Paul? We are only God's servants through whom you believed the Good News. Each of us did the work the Lord gave us. ⁶ I planted the seed in your hearts, and Apollos watered it, but it was God who made it grow. ⁷ It's not important who does the planting, or who does the watering. What's important is that God makes the seed grow.*

5. Church Plantings Not Easy.

1 Thessalonians 2:9 - *Don't you remember, dear brothers and sisters, how hard we worked among you? Night and day we toiled to earn a living so that we would not be a burden to any of you as we preached God's Good News to you.*

Revelation 22:12 - *"Look, I am coming soon, bringing my reward with me to repay all people according to their deeds.*

1 Corinthians 9:25 - *All athletes are disciplined in their training. They do it to win a prize that will fade away, but we do it for an eternal prize.*