

Church Planting Thresholds: Plan





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Introduction

On May 17, 2022 the LBBA New Work group met to pray, discuss, and learn about church planting; particularly in the context of Hopkins and Webster Counties. Attending were AMS Bill Egbert, Lee Davis, Jonathan Lail, and church members Randy Duncan and Shawn Thurby, along with KBC Church Planting Assoc. Toby DeHay

The group prayed for the area and for planters as well as a few private issues.

The smaller groups reported on their prayer walking/drives of their areas and encouraged each other.

The group then spent the remainder of the evening reviewing chapter four of Church Planting Thresholds by Clint Clifton. The next meeting was set for August 16 at 6:45p

Scan the QR code below to take you to the PlanterPortal and pray for KBC assisted planters.





Chapter Three: Plan

What did we learn about planning?

- Making a plan shows we are disciplined. Some of us are lax in that way and need some help/encouragement in this way.
- Set long term plans that help you to achieve short term goals.
- Plans help with accountability. Makes certain it is scriptural.
- Not all plans are divine.
- We see some business principles that are biblical.

With which statements/thoughts in this chapter did you resonate or agree?

- Liked the prospectus. Why? Helps us think through what the church planter plans on doing. Makes the partners feel more comfortable about helping.
- We need to make sure God is with us.
- Be persistent but not annoying.
- Don't use guilt to share with others about the church.

What do we struggle with based on this chapter?

- Pastor's salary is first. We had good discussion around this thought. We talked about the need for planters to communicate to their partners: perhaps even over-communicate. Many are not gifted in this area.

"Writing a Prospectus" Why is this wise? Discuss the key components to a prospectus. Why do these help the planter and the potential partner(s)?

- •Helps planter prioritize. Needs to be able to think it through in order to be able to articulate it. Learning how write goals and actions.
- •Gives a simple outline to partners. Highlights ministry challenges and lets the audience know you understand your context.

Choosing a name...is this a big deal?

- Not having Baptist in the name may draw people who do not know the Baptist world.
- It may turn pastors away when a church is not named Baptist.

Resources

•Please see an example of a church planting proposal from Bill/Nick and on my web site under this summary.

•https://www.sojournnetwork.com/s/VeritasVisionandStrategy_nobleed.pdf

•<https://www.namb.net/send-network/resource/writing-a-church-planting-prospectus/>

•Planter Portal list of planters: <https://tinyurl.com/mryfatsb>

