



Preparing Plants for the Field

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Less about what we DON'T know More about what we DO know!

- **God causes the growth**
- **God uses unlikely people**
- **God uses unlikely churches**
- **God honors faith-filled risk**
- **God loves to multiply humble efforts**



What is a Greenhouse Church?

A greenhouse provides a healthy, protective, nutritional environment for plants to grow and thrive.



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A Greenhouse Church requires these components
(assuming there are people in the church!)

- (1) A Spirit of Willingness to “give itself away”**
- (2) A Leadership Development Pathway**
- (3) Faith-Filled Risk to train and send leaders**



I. A Spirit of Willingness

Biblical Model: The Church at Antioch

ACTS 11 - Antioch sent a gift to Jerusalem

DO SOMETHING!

ACTS 13 - Antioch sent Paul & Barnabas, their BEST!

SEND SOMEONE!



DO SOMETHING!

10 Ways to Help a Church Plant

- 1. Pray for a planter and their team.**
- 2. Send a planting couple to dinner.**
- 3. Invite a planter to share their vision with your church.**
- 4. Give a church plant a one-time gift.**
- 5. Hold a “baby shower” for a church plant.**
- 6. Loan your facility to a church plant.**
- 7. Financially support a plant for a year or more.**
- 8. Send people from your church to serve for a season.**
- 9. Partner with other churches to plant a church.**
- 10. Develop and deploy a planter & team from your church.**

Denominational Example: Your Tribe's History

- Many denominations began with **one church**
- Appeal to your **own history...**

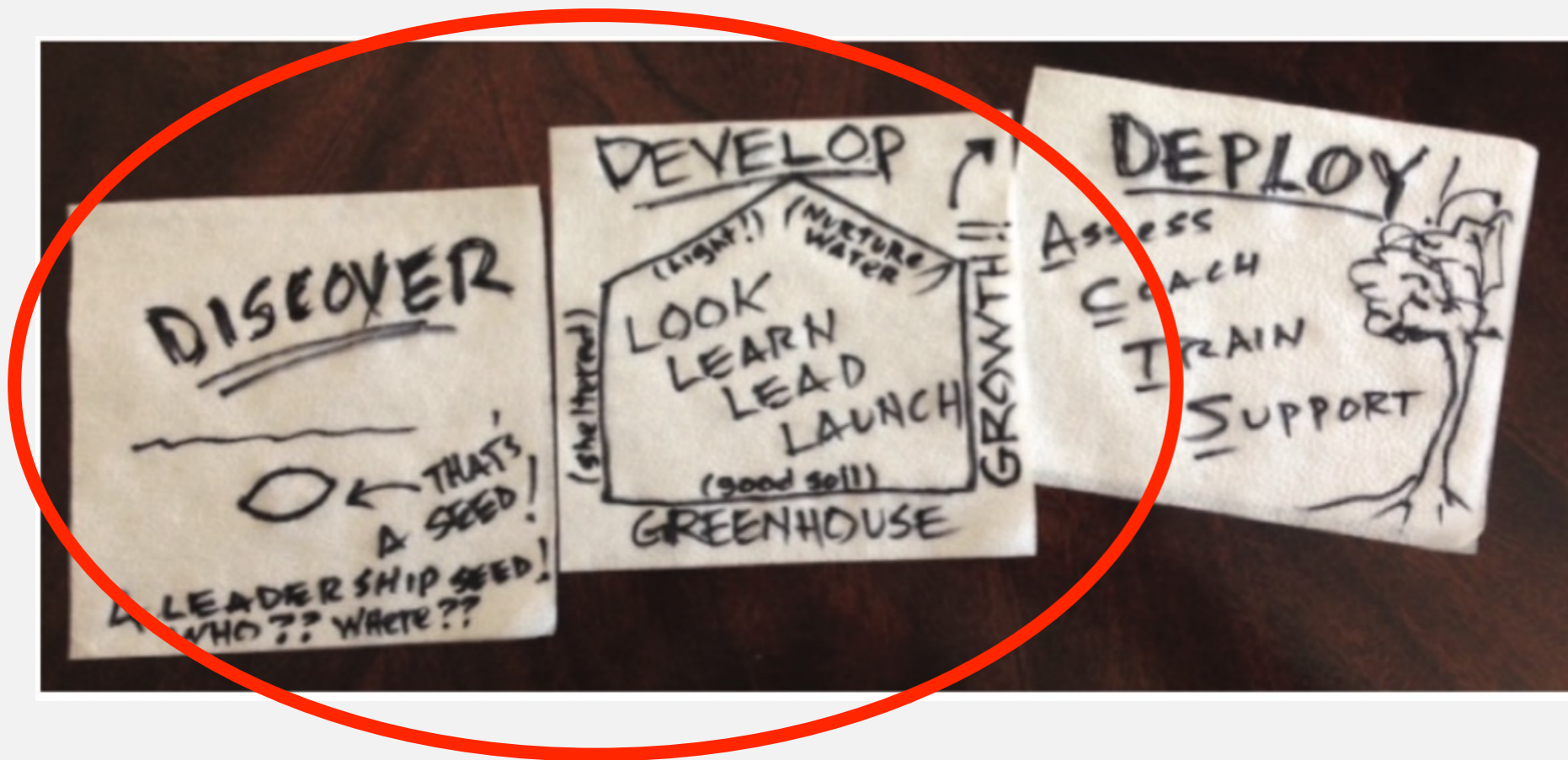
“Where will the next great movement of God come from, and why not your church?”



II. A Leadership Development Pathway



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Local Churches

		YEAR 1		YEAR 2		YEAR 3	
LEARNING METHOD	PLACEMENT 1 DAY ASSESSMENT (online tests & interview)	LOOK at healthy ministry	LEARN practical ministry skills	LEAD established ministry	LAUNCH newministry & hand off	PLAN vision, values, strategy, & structure	PREPARE team
CREDENTIALING EDUCATION		Licensing & Ordination with District of potential plant location 30 hrs Bible/Theology thru College, Seminary, MSP, Online				Ordination	
PRAYER		Observe prayer in action	Practice prayer, presence, & listening in own life	Guide people in practicing prayer, presence, & listening	Train someone else to lead others in prayer experience	Pray and listen for God's plans	Pray together
TEACHING		Learn under quality teachers	Teach small group	Teach large group	Preach as part of church series	Develop preaching calendar	Missional preaching
COACHING		Discipleship Coaching & Spiritual Formation	Coaching in Basic Ministry Skills	Leadership Coaching	Leadership Coaching	Church Planting Coach	Church Planting Coach
TEAMWORK		Observe team in planning & action	Participate in a team around own gifting/calling	Lead a ministry team	Establish a newministry team	Recruit & assemble church plant team	Lead team to implement vision & strategy
SMALL GROUP		Participate in small group/missional community	Apprentice in small group/MC	Lead small group/MC	Start a new small group/MC	Start incarnational group in area of church plant	Grow & multiply incarnational group
INCARNATIONAL LIVING		Participate with others on mission	Befriend and interact with unbelievers	Actively share Christ with others	Involve unbelievers / newbelievers in ministry	Learn & understand culture & people	Befriend and interact with unbelievers
Character & Spiritual Formation							

CHURCH PLANTING ASSESSMENT CENTER (4 Day)

III. Faith-filled Risk to Send Out Church Planters



Denominational Support

III. Faith-Filled Risk to Send Planters

Denominational Support:

**Assessment
Coaching
Training
Support**



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ENVIRONMENTS

IV. NEXT STEPS

- A. Consider your willingness
- B. Be open to new expressions
- C. Evaluate your current pathway
- D. Do Something now (10 Ways to Help)
- E. Partner with other churches
- F. Send your apostles!



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