



Why Church Planting?
Sunday, October 5, 2025

Do you see church planting as God sees?

One Vision: Seeing as God Sees

Seeing Church Planting as God Sees

Church planting is God's plan to evangelize, gather, grow, & mobilize the church in new areas

Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, Matthew 28:19 NKJV

teaching them to observe all things that I have commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, *even* to the end of the age." Amen. Matthew 28:20 NKJV

But you shall receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall be witnesses to Me in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth." Acts 1:8 NKJV

God uses the church to change people's lives today & forever

And He put all *things* under His feet, and gave Him *to be* head over all *things* to the church, Ephesians 1:22 NKJV

which is His body, the fullness of Him who fills all in all. Ephesians 1:23 NKJV

Grace's 1st Organizational Meeting – "Acts 13:4 – Send missionaries"

Now in the church that was at Antioch there were certain prophets and teachers: Barnabas, Simeon who was called Niger, Lucius of Cyrene, Manaen who had been brought up with Herod the tetrarch, and Saul. Acts 13:1 NKJV

As they ministered to the Lord and fasted, the Holy Spirit said, "Now separate to Me Barnabas and Saul for the work to which I have called them." Acts 13:2 NKJV

Then, having fasted and prayed, and laid hands on them, they sent them away. Acts 13:3 NKJV

So, being sent out by the Holy Spirit, they went down to Seleucia, and from there they sailed to Cyprus. Acts 13:4 NKJV

Grace's 20-year Strategy – "Plant 100 churches in 20 years"

After 9 Years = 28 Church Planters

- **22 trained**
- **2 "grandchurches"**
- **4 training now**

24 churches planted, 2 are grand churches (church plants of our church plants)

Local Church in Long Island, NY

In 4 years, 88 people baptized (250 people)

Vine Hill in KCK

In 1 year, 44 salvations and 11 baptisms (100 people)

Freedom Church Downtown

In 2 years, 11 baptisms (30-50 people)

Mission City Church

In 5 years, 5 salvations and 6 baptisms (80 people)

Since starting Church Planting, 1528 baptisms (105 spontaneous in August 2016)

Pray – Give – Visit - Move

Then He said to His disciples, “The harvest truly *is* plentiful, but the laborers *are* few. Therefore pray the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into His harvest.” Matthew 9:37–38 NKJV

...For even in Thessalonica you sent *aid* once and again for my necessities.... I seek the fruit that abounds to your account. Philippians 4:16-17 NKJV

For I long to see you, that I may impart to you some spiritual gift, so that you may be established—that is, that I may be encouraged together with you by the mutual faith both of you and me. Romans 1:11–12 NKJV

Also I heard the voice of the Lord, saying: “Whom shall I send, And who will go for Us?” Then I said, “Here *am* I! Send me.” Isaiah 6:8 NKJV

This Week’s OWNit365 New Testament Plus Plan:

Oct 5 - Phil 3, Family Focus – Phil 3:7-14

Oct 6 – Exod 20, Family Focus - Exod 20:1-12

Oct 7 - Reflection & Prayer

Oct 8 – Phil 4, Family Focus – Phil 4:4-9

Oct 9 – Col 1, Family Focus – Col 1:15-20

Oct 10 – Col 2, Family Focus – Col 2:13-17

Oct 11 – Col 3, Family Focus – Col 3:8-17

October 5.

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Memory Verse: ““God keeps us safe.” Psalm 4:8 (adapted for toddlers)”

Heart of the Lesson: God Keeps Us Safe Because He Loves Us

Parent Connect: Today we learned about how God instructed Noah to build an ark and even though it rained for many days, Noah was safe on the ark. Play in a water sensory bin or the bathtub with your toddler, and talk about why God kept Noah safe in the water with his Ark.



In this series, kids will learn that no matter what happens – whether we’re doing big things for God like Josiah, making mistakes like Jonah, feeling sad like the people of Jerusalem or standing strong like Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego- God is with us!

Memory Verse: “Be still and know that I am God. I will be honored by every nation. I will be honored throughout the world.” Psalm 46:10

Heart of the Lesson: Josiah | 2 Kings 22-23

Parent Connect: Today we learned the story of Josiah. Together with your kid this week, read the story in 2 Kings 22-23 and make a snack crown together using either fruit rollups or sliced cheese



Each and every one of us was created in the image of God with an inspired design from our creator. Our I.D. is what makes each of us unique and what makes all of us so wonderfully connected. Join us in this series as we explore our I.D. in Jesus as free, adopted, and loved creations in Christ.

Memory Verse: I will praise You, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made; marvelous are Your works, and that my soul knows very well. Psalm 139:14

Heart of the Lesson: I Am Free | Luke 23

Parent Connect: Today we talked about how we are free from sin when we put our faith in Jesus. Check in with your kid, where are they at in their walk of faith? Don't be afraid to ask harder questions and see if they have made the decision to follow Jesus.

We are all uniquely created by God, and each follower of Jesus is given a unique set of spiritual gifts meant to be used for His glory. In this series, students will discover their identity in Jesus, explore the gifts God has given them, and learn how to use those gifts to serve Him and others. We will end the series with Response Stations to reinforce everything we learned!

Memory Verse: "For we are God's masterpiece. He has created us anew in Christ Jesus, so we can do the good things he planned for us long ago." Ephesians 2:10

Heart of the Lesson: God gave me spiritual gifts - 1 Corinthians 12:1-11, 27-31

Parent Connect: Write down what makes your G56 student unique/what you think their spiritual gifts might be. Ask your student to write down their ideas, too. Then, come together and talk about it!