

The Church Planter's Field Guide *How to Launch and Multiply Micro-Churches to Become Branches of Your Local Church*

Introduction: Chosen, Equipped, and Sent

You are holding this guide because your pastor saw something in you worth investing in.

That is not an accident. You are fearfully and wonderfully made (Psalm 139:14). God created you on purpose — for a purpose: to love Him and help others.

Every believer's calling is clear:

"Go and make disciples... teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you." — Matthew 28:19–20

This is not just for pastors. This is for you.

The same way Jesus looked at ordinary fishermen, tax collectors, and everyday people and said *"Follow me"* — your pastor looked at you and believed you were ready to go.

You don't need a theology degree. You don't need to be a perfect Christian. You don't need to have all the answers. What you need is exactly what you already have — a willing heart, a love for people, and a faith that God can use you right where you are.

Scripture also says:

"Whoever is faithful with little will also be faithful with much." — Luke 16:10

As you faithfully walk in this calling, God will open doors in your life.

What you are about to do is not new. It is actually the oldest form of church in existence. Before there were buildings, denominations, or Sunday morning services — there were ordinary believers gathering in homes, sharing the Gospel, and watching lives change. That is exactly what you are being sent to do.

To help you succeed, we've made it simple:

Gather people. Choose a facilitator. Go through the teaching. Multiply.

This is how the Kingdom works: a seed is planted → it grows → it produces fruit → inside the fruit are more seeds.

"This is to my Father's glory, that you bear much fruit." — John 15:8

Your pastor is your overseer. They are covering you, praying for you, and counting on you. This guide will walk you through every step. Read it. Follow it. And trust that the same God who sent the original 72 is sending you.

"The harvest is plentiful, but the workers are few." — Luke 10:2

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The Links & Tools Checklist

These are the exact tools you will use to launch and run the micro-churches.

Training Webinar Watch this before you launch and share it with your facilitators.

<https://www.onewaymin.com/grow-my-church/>

Tools & Training Portal Your home base for all resources and training materials.

<https://www.onewaymin.com/grow-my-church/reach-the-world>

The App — Android <https://play.google.com/store/apps/details?id=com.getdev.myvirtualpastor>

The App — Apple iOS

<https://apps.apple.com/us/app/my-virtual-pastor/id6747307561?platform=iphone>

Group Mapping & Onboarding Form Every time you launch a new micro-church, fill out this form so your pastor and our global team can track the growth and map the movement.

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdrWRjlovPIbRks-_cBuLtLIVjPFaxNKN5k2yfoH7jya mh5qw/viewform

Global Think Tank Community Connect with church planters around the world — share what's working, ask questions, and stay encouraged.

<https://www.skool.com/mapping-the-great-commission-1259/about>

Your Role in the Bigger Picture

You are not doing this alone — and you are not doing this independently. You are part of a carefully structured team built on the same model Jesus used.

Here is how it works:

Your Pastor is your Overseer. They cast the vision, cover the network, and are ultimately responsible for every branch that launches under their church. They appointed you because they trust you to represent their church well.

You are the Church Planter. Your job is to go into the community, launch new micro-churches, and raise up local facilitators to run them. You are a mobile leader — you do not stay in one place permanently. You launch, stabilize, hand off, and move to the next one.

Your Facilitator is the local host you will identify and train inside each micro-church. Once you hand off the group to them, your job becomes mentoring and overseeing them — checking in regularly, answering questions, and making sure the group stays healthy and connected to the main church.

This is the exact structure Jesus used:

- Jesus oversaw the 12
- The 12 oversaw the 72
- The 72 went into every town and village

"After this the Lord appointed seventy-two others and sent them two by two ahead of him to every town and place where he was about to go." — Luke 10:1

You are the 72...

Step 1: Pray and Find Your Person of Peace

Before you do anything else — pray.

Do not rush this step. Do not rely on your own instincts or go after the most obvious person. Ask God to show you who He is already working in. Jesus gave us a specific strategy for this:

"When you enter a house, first say, 'Peace to this house.' If someone who promotes peace is there, your peace will rest on them." — Luke 10:5-6

This person is called the **Person of Peace**. They are the one God has already prepared to open their home, welcome you in, and connect you to others in their community.

What to look for:

A Person of Peace is someone who:

- Welcomes you warmly
- Is open to spiritual conversation
- Has natural connections to other people in their community
- Is willing to open their home

They do not need to be a mature Christian. Some of the greatest Persons of Peace in the Bible were brand new to faith:

- The Woman at the Well (John 4) — encountered Jesus and immediately brought her entire village
- Cornelius (Acts 10) — gathered his entire family and friends to hear the Gospel

How to find them:

Remember — you are not doing this alone. Just as Jesus sent out the 72 two by two (Luke 10:1), your pastor has paired you with a co-laborer. Pray together with your partner and think about the people in both of your lives right now — neighbors, coworkers, friends, or people you meet day to day. Pray over them by name and ask God to show you who is ready.

Here is a simple prayer to pray together with your co-laborer:

"Lord, show us who You are already working in. Lead us to the person of peace You have prepared. Open the right doors and give us boldness to walk through them."

Healing is one of the most powerful ways God draws people to Himself. Do not be afraid to step out in faith and pray over the sick.

Jesus gave us this exact instruction before sending out the 72:

"Heal the sick who are there and tell them, 'The kingdom of God has come near to you.'" — Luke 10:9

If you want to learn more about how to walk in healing — including how to pray with confidence — read the **Supernatural Power and Authority** book available inside the app. It will equip you with everything you need.

When God shows you your Person of Peace — go.

Step 2: Gather Your Group

Once you have found your Person of Peace and they have opened their home — it is time to gather people.

Keep it simple. Do not overthink this. Jesus said:

"Where two or three gather in my name, there am I with them." — Matthew 18:20

You do not need a crowd to start a movement. You need a few willing people and the presence of God.

Whose home is it?

The micro-church meets in the **Person of Peace's home** — not yours. This is intentional. Their home is already connected to their community. Their neighbors know them. Their friends feel comfortable there. By meeting in their space you are planting the church right in the middle of their existing relationships rather than asking people to come somewhere unfamiliar.

This is exactly the model Jesus commanded:

"Whatever house you enter, stay there." — Luke 10:7

You are a guest in their home — but you are there to serve, equip, and eventually hand the group over to them as the local facilitator.

Who to invite:

Your Person of Peace will be your greatest asset here. They already have relationships in their community — neighbors, coworkers, friends, and family. Encourage them to personally invite the people in their life.

You and your co-laborer should also be inviting people from your own circles:

- Friends and family
- Neighbors

- Coworkers
- People you meet in your community

5 to 15 people is the perfect size. Small enough for everyone to participate and be known. Large enough to create momentum and energy.

How to invite them:

Keep the invitation simple and non-threatening. Something like:

"Hey, I am part of a small group that gets together to learn more about God, our calling, and purpose in life. Would you want to come check it out?"

One important thing to remember:

From the very beginning, help the people who show up understand that they are not just attending — they are being invited into something. They are being trained to follow Jesus and obey His teachings. This is not a social club. This is discipleship.

"Therefore go and make disciples of all nations." — Matthew 28:19

Step 3: How to Run a Weekly Meeting

Now that your group is gathered — here is exactly how to run it. Keep it simple. Consistency matters far more than perfection. You are not there to impress anyone. You are there to model how easy this is so your facilitator can eventually run it without you.

Every meeting runs the same way. Open the app and follow the structure below.

Your Three Meeting Options

You actually have three ways to run your weekly gathering::

Option 1 — The Micro-Church Service Follow the full meeting structure below using the Disciple Group inside the app. This is your primary weekly gathering.

Option 2 — Audio Bible Listening Group This can be done on the same day as your micro-church service or on a separate day during the week. All you do is gather your group, open the End-to-End Audio Bible program inside the app, press play, and listen to the New Testament together.

After listening, go through these three simple questions:

1. What was the passage about?
2. How did God speak to you?

3. What are you going to do about it this week?

That is it. No preparation needed. Just listen and discuss.

Option 3 — Alternate Weekly If meeting twice a week is too much for your group right now, alternate — one week do the micro-church service, the next week do the audio Bible listening group.

Why both matter:

Do not skip the audio Bible listening group. The Word of God will change people from the inside out. The short sermons in the app will equip them with an understanding of God's plan and purpose for their life and how to become a fruitful disciple. Both work together — one transforms the heart, the other equips the mind.

"Faith comes by hearing, and hearing by the word of God." — Romans 10:17

The Full Meeting Structure — 60 to 90 Minutes

1. Open in Prayer Open every meeting in prayer. Ask God to lead the time, speak to everyone in the room, and produce fruit from the meeting.

2. Worship — Optional This does not need to be complicated. You can:

- Play a worship song from your phone
- Read a Psalm out loud together
- Have everyone share one thing they are thankful for

3. Teaching Open the app and press play. That is it. The app does the teaching for you. You do not need to prepare a sermon. You do not need to be a theologian. You just need to know how to press a button.

The structural framework inside the app has been officially approved by a theologian from Faith Comes By Hearing — ensuring everything is completely sound and built on pure scripture engagement (Romans 10:17).

4. Discussion Go through the discussion questions in the app together. Make sure everyone participates. This is one of the most important parts of the entire meeting.

In many traditional church settings people never get the opportunity to:

- Ask real questions
- Talk through their struggles
- Share what God is doing in their life
- Be personally encouraged

This is where real growth happens. Truth is not just heard here — it is processed, discussed, and applied.

"As iron sharpens iron, so one person sharpens another." — Proverbs 27:17

5. The Faith Challenge Take turns sharing what happened with the previous week's challenge.

- What did you do?
- What did you learn?
- Where did you see God move?

Celebrate even the smallest steps of obedience. Faith grows when it is practiced.

Then have each person share what they will do for the coming week. Be specific. Encourage one another. Pray for boldness and opportunity.

"Do not merely listen to the word... Do what it says." — James 1:22

6. Support and Sustainability

"The worker deserves his wages." — Luke 10:7

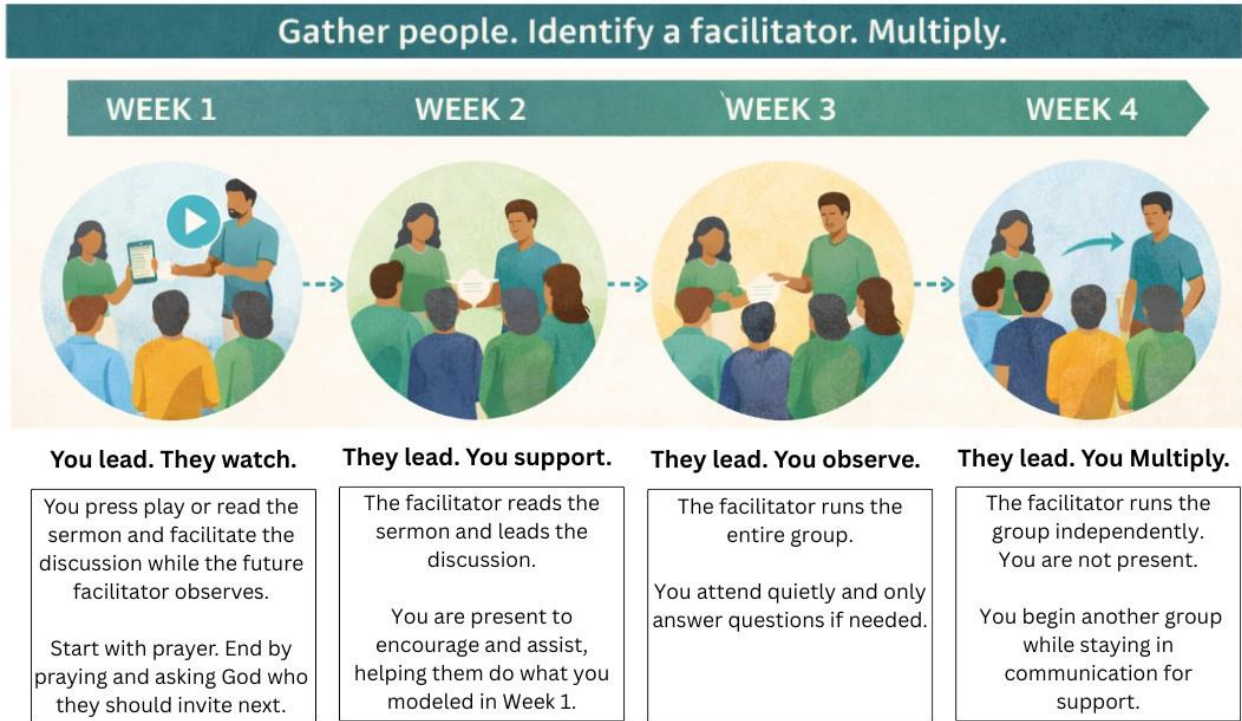
If offerings are collected within the localized micro-churches, they can be divided to support continued network expansion and operational sustainability:

- **1/3** to the church planter
- **1/3** to the facilitator
- **1/3** to the main church

7. Close in Prayer Pray specifically for one another.

Step 4: The 4-Week Hand-Off Model

Remember — you are not the permanent leader of this group. You are a mobile church planter. Your job is to launch the group, stabilize it, hand it off to your local facilitator, and move on to plant the next one.



Here is exactly how to do that in four weeks:

Week 1 — You Lead, They Watch You and your co-laborer run the full meeting from start to finish. Your facilitator watches and learns. After the meeting walk them through what you did and why. Answer any questions they have. Show them how simple the app makes everything.

Week 2 — They Lead, You Support Step back and let your facilitator lead the meeting. You are still there but you are not running it. Jump in only if they get stuck or need encouragement. Affirm everything they do well. Build their confidence.

Week 3 — They Lead, You Observe Your facilitator leads completely. You are present but silent unless absolutely necessary. Let them own it. Your job this week is to observe and take notes so you can give them specific encouragement and feedback after the meeting.

Week 4 — They Lead Independently Your facilitator leads the meeting entirely on their own. You are not present. This is their group now.

Congratulations — you just planted a micro-church.

Now find your next Person of Peace and do it again.

"The things you have heard me say in the presence of many witnesses entrust to reliable people who will also be qualified to teach others." — 2 Timothy 2:2

One important reminder:

Handing off the group does not mean disappearing. You are now this facilitator's mentor and overseer. Check in with them regularly, encourage them, and make sure the group stays healthy and connected to your pastor and the main church. More on this in Step 5.

Step 5: Mentor Your Facilitator (Optional per your overseer)

Once you have handed off the group your work is not done.

You are no longer the leader of the meeting. You are now the mentor, the encourager, and the overseer of your facilitator. This is one of the most important parts of your role as a church planter. A group without ongoing mentorship will drift, slow down, or fall apart. Your presence — even from a distance — keeps it alive and moving forward.

This is exactly how Jesus led. He did not just send people out and forget about them. He walked closely with his disciples, checked in on them, corrected them when needed, and celebrated their wins.

"We were gentle among you, just as a nursing mother cherishes her own children. We cared for you so much that we were delighted to share with you not only the gospel of God but our lives as well." — 1 Thessalonians 2:7-8

A Note on Oversight:

As the network grows your pastor may choose to appoint a dedicated overseer to manage and mentor the facilitators on your behalf. If that is the case — great. Your job just got easier. Hand off the mentoring responsibilities to that overseer, stay in communication with them, and go plant your next micro-church. That is exactly how the movement is supposed to work.

If no overseer has been appointed yet — that responsibility falls on you until one is. Either way, make sure every facilitator you hand off to has someone covering them. No group should ever be left without a mentor.

What mentoring looks like:

Check in regularly. A quick text, a phone call, or a short visit goes a long way. Ask them how the group is going. Ask about specific people. Ask where they are seeing God move.

Ask the right questions every time you connect:

- How is the group going?
- Is everyone still showing up?
- Are people doing the faith challenges?

- Has anyone new joined?
- Is anyone ready to lead?
- Are there any problems or concerns I can help with?
- As the Lord leads...

The Culture Duplication Effect: The questions you ask your facilitator are the same questions they will begin asking their group members. What you emphasize is what they will duplicate. So ask intentionally.

Keep them connected to the main church: Regularly remind your facilitator and the group members to attend Sunday services at the main church. These micro-churches are branches of the local church — not replacements for it. The main church is where they receive covering, teaching, and community with the larger body of Christ.

"Let us not give up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but let us encourage one another." — Hebrews 10:25

Watch for the next leader: As you mentor your facilitator keep your eyes open for the members inside the group who are stepping up, participating heavily, and doing the faith challenges consistently. These are your next church planters. When you see someone like that — encourage them, validate the gifts you see in them, and invite them to pray about taking the next step.

Report everything back to your pastor: Your pastor is your overseer. Keep them informed about the health of every group you have launched. They are covering the entire network and need your eyes and ears on the ground. Never let a problem get big before you bring it to them.

Step 6: Multiply — Start Your Next Group

You have launched your first micro-church. You have handed it off to your facilitator. You have someone covering and mentoring them.

Now it is time to do it all over again.

The goal was never to plant one group and settle. The goal is multiplication — and multiplication never stops.

"The things you have heard me say in the presence of many witnesses entrust to reliable people who will also be qualified to teach others." — 2 Timothy 2:2

Go back to Step 1.

Pray with your co-laborer. Find your next Person of Peace. Gather a new group. Launch. Hand off. Multiply.

Every time you do this you are not just planting a micro-church. You are training a new facilitator who will one day train another facilitator. That is how movements grow. That is how the early church turned the world upside down with no buildings, no budgets, and no programs.

Two ways a new group can start:

1. You plant it. You and your co-laborer go find a new Person of Peace and launch a brand new group from scratch. This is your primary role as a church planter.

2. An existing group multiplies. When one of your groups gets too full or a strong leader emerges from within — the group splits and a new micro-church is born from the inside. This is organic multiplication at its best.

"The word of God spread. The number of disciples in Jerusalem increased rapidly." — Acts 6:7

When a group splits:

Celebrate it. A group splitting is not a loss — it is a win. It means the model is working exactly the way it was designed to. Make sure your pastor and admin team are notified immediately so the new group can be logged and tracked.

How fast should you be multiplying:

There is no perfect timeline. Some church planters launch a new group every month. Others take six to eight weeks between launches. Follow the Holy Spirit, stay in communication with your pastor, and keep moving forward.

The only wrong answer is to stop.

"This is to my Father's glory, that you bear much fruit." — John 15:8

Reporting and Accountability

As a church planter you are not operating independently. You are part of a network that is being tracked, measured, and mapped for the fulfillment of the Great Commission. Your pastor is your overseer and they need accurate information from the field to keep the entire network healthy and growing.

"So then, each of us will give an account of ourselves to God." — Romans 14:12

Every time you launch a new group report the following to your pastor or appointed overseer immediately:

- Local facilitator's name and phone number
- Physical address of the group
- Date the group was established
- Number of people attending at launch

Every month report the following:

- New groups started
- Number of participants in each group
- Any new salvations
- Any groups that have split and multiplied
- Any groups that are struggling or need attention
- Any potential new church planters you have identified

Also fill out the Group Mapping and Onboarding Form every time a new group launches:

This adds your new micro-church to the global map so the Body of Christ can track the fulfillment of Matthew 24:14 together.



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Why this matters:

Every group you log is a dot on a map. Every dot represents people who are hearing the Gospel, being discipled, and becoming disciple makers themselves. When enough dots fill a region — a movement has begun. When enough movements fill a nation — a nation is transformed. When enough nations are transformed — Matthew 24:14 is fulfilled.

Your report is not just paperwork. It is prophecy in progress.

The Bigger Vision: Finish the Task

You did not sign up to run a small group.

You signed up to change the world.

Every micro-church you plant is not just a living room gathering — it is a frontline outpost of the Kingdom of God. Every facilitator you raise up is not just a host — they are a disciple maker who will raise up more disciple makers. Every person who hears the Gospel in one of your groups is one more soul added to the Kingdom before Jesus returns.

This is bigger than your city. Bigger than your church. Bigger than you.

Jesus said:

"And this gospel of the kingdom will be preached in the whole world as a witness to all the nations, and then the end will come." — Matthew 24:14

We are part of making that happen.

In 2019, the Lord told us to begin mapping churches and disciple-making groups across the earth. Today the Body of Christ is collaborating like a unified global task force — mapping every community, identifying every gap, and strategically targeting every unreached area of the world so we can see Matthew 24:14 fulfilled in our lifetime.

You are not just a church planter. You are part of a global movement.

Here is how you stay connected to it:

Join the Global Think Tank Community Connect with church planters around the world. Share what is working, ask questions, encourage one another, and collaborate toward the same finish line. 🙌 <https://www.skool.com/mapping-the-great-commission-1259/about>

Log Every Group on the Global Map Every micro-church you plant gets added to the map. Every dot matters. 🙌
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A Final Word

You are not just a believer. You are a disciple maker. You are part of the solution. You are part of something that can reach the world.

The harvest is ready. The tools are in your hands. Your pastor is covering you. And God is with you.

"And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age." — Matthew 28:20