



The Biblical Basis for Church Planting

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“CHURCH”

Ekklesia (Greek) –

1. People with shared belief, *community, congregation*.
2. Christians in a specific area.
3. Of a specific Christian group *assembly, gathering* – ordinarily involving worship and matters of concern to the community.

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**Who does the church
belong to?**

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- **The church was bought by the blood of Jesus - Acts 20:28b**
- **Jesus “gave Himself up” for the church to make her “holy and blameless” - Ephesians 5:25-27**
- **Jesus is the “Head” of the church - Colossians 1:18**





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**How did the church
get started?**

Matthew 28:18-20

¹⁸ Then Jesus came to them and said, “All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me.

¹⁹ Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, ²⁰ and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age.”

Acts 1:4-8

⁴ On one occasion, while he was eating with them, he gave them this command: “Do not leave Jerusalem, but wait for the gift my Father promised, which you have heard me speak about. ⁵ For John baptized with water, but in a few days you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit.”

⁶ Then they gathered around him and asked him, “Lord, are you at this time going to restore the kingdom to Israel?”

⁷ He said to them: “It is not for you to know the times or dates the Father has set by his own authority. ⁸ But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in **Jerusalem**, and in all **Judea and Samaria**, and to the **ends of the earth**.”

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- 3) Ends of the Earth – Acts 10



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**The church in Antioch
becomes a Special
Sending Church.**

Acts 11:19-21

¹⁹ Now those who had been scattered by the persecution that broke out when Stephen was killed traveled as far as Phoenicia, Cyprus and Antioch, spreading the word only among Jews. ²⁰ Some of them, however, men from Cyprus and Cyrene, went to Antioch and began to speak to Greeks also, telling them the good news about the Lord Jesus. ²¹ The Lord's hand was with them, and a **great number of people believed and turned to the Lord.**



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Acts 11:22-26

²² News of this reached the church in Jerusalem, and they sent Barnabas to Antioch. ²³ When he arrived and saw what the grace of God had done, **he was glad and encouraged them all to remain true to the Lord with all their hearts.** ²⁴ He was a good man, full of the Holy Spirit and faith, **and a great number of people were brought to the Lord.**

²⁵ Then Barnabas went to Tarsus to look for Saul, ²⁶ and when he found him, he brought him to Antioch. **So for a whole year Barnabas and Saul met with the church and taught great numbers of people.** The disciples were called Christians first at Antioch.

Acts 13:1a, 2-3

Now in the church at Antioch there were prophets and teachers ... ² While they were worshiping the Lord and fasting, the Holy Spirit said, “Set apart for me Barnabas and Saul for the work to which I have called them.” ³ So after they had fasted and prayed, they placed their hands on them and sent them off.

The Antioch Approach to

P.L.A.N.T.

Acts 14:21-28



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Acts 14:21-25

²¹ They **preached the gospel** in [Derbe] and **won a large number of disciples**. Then they returned to Lystra, Iconium and Antioch, ²² **strengthening the disciples and encouraging them to remain true to the faith**. “We must go through many hardships to enter the kingdom of God,” they said. ²³ Paul and Barnabas **appointed elders for them in each church** and, **with prayer and fasting, committed them to the Lord**, in whom they had put their trust. ²⁴ After going through Pisidia, they came into Pamphylia, ²⁵ and when they had preached the word in Perga, they went down to Attalia.

Acts 14:26-28

²⁶ From Attalia they sailed back to Antioch, where they had been committed to the grace of God for the work they had now completed. ²⁷ On arriving there, they **gathered the church together and reported all that God had done through them** and how he had opened a door of faith to the Gentiles. ²⁸ And they stayed there a long time with the disciples.

The Antioch Model to P.L.A.N.T. – Acts 14:21-28

1. Preach the Gospel, Make Disciples



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Acts 14:21

21 They **preached the gospel** in that city and **won a large number of disciples.**



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What is the Gospel?



What is the Gospel?

- Jesus the KING ...

1. preexisted,

2. became a man (fulfilling God's promise to David),

3. died for our sins (in accordance with the Scriptures),

4. was buried,

5. was raised on the third day (in accordance with the scriptures),

6. appeared to many,

7. *is seated at the right hand of God as Lord* (i.e. was made KING),

8. will come again as Judge.

Romans 15:20

²⁰ It has always been my ambition to preach the gospel where Christ was not known, so that I would not be building on someone else's foundation.



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The Antioch Model to P.L.A.N.T. – Acts 14:21-28

1. Preach the Gospel, Make Disciples
2. Live in Christ-Centered Community



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Acts 2:42-47

⁴² They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and to fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer. ⁴³ Everyone was filled with awe at the many wonders and signs performed by the apostles. ⁴⁴ All the believers were together and had everything in common. ⁴⁵ They sold property and possessions to give to anyone who had need. ⁴⁶ Every day they continued to meet together in the temple courts. They broke bread in their homes and ate together with glad and sincere hearts, ⁴⁷ praising God and enjoying the favor of all the people. And the Lord added to their number daily those who were being saved.

The Antioch Model to P.L.A.N.T. – Acts 14:21-28

1. Preach the Gospel, Make Disciples
2. Live in Christ-Centered Community
3. Accountable in Discipleship



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Acts 14:21b-22

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Acts 20:17-21

¹⁷ From Miletus, Paul sent to Ephesus for the elders of the church. ¹⁸ When they arrived, he said to them: “**You know how I lived the whole time I was with you**, from the first day I came into the province of Asia. ¹⁹ I served the Lord with great humility and with tears and in the midst of severe testing by the plots of my Jewish opponents. ²⁰ **You know** that I have not hesitated to preach anything that would be helpful to you but have taught you publicly and from house to house. ²¹ I have declared to both Jews and Greeks that they must turn to God in repentance and have faith in our Lord Jesus.

The Antioch Model to P.L.A.N.T. – Acts 14:21-28

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4. New Leaders Raised from Within



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Acts 14:23

²³ Paul and Barnabas appointed elders for them in each church and, with prayer and fasting, committed them to the Lord, in whom they had put their trust.



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2 Timothy 2:2

² And 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.



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Ephesians 4:11-13 NIV

So Christ himself gave the apostles, the prophets, the evangelists, the pastors and teachers, to equip his people for works of service, so that the body of Christ may be built up until we all reach unity in the faith and in the knowledge of the Son of God and become mature, attaining to the whole measure of the fullness of Christ.



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1 Peter 2:4-5

"As you come to him, the living Stone—rejected by humans but chosen by God and precious to him—you also, like living stones, are **being built** into a spiritual house **to be** a holy priesthood, offering spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ."

The Antioch Model to P.L.A.N.T. – Acts 14:21-28

1. Preach the Gospel, Make Disciples
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5. Thank God for Victories, Celebrate Multiplication



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