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Our Agenda Today

1. Opening: welcome, prayer, etiquette
2. The Story that Rules All Others: CCK's Identity and Mission
3. Understanding the CCK Movement
4. Prepare: Be the Church
5. Team Exercises and Assignments
6. Next meeting

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Training Etiquette

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2. Enter your correct name on your device
3. Actively participate to affect your grade
4. Mute when you are not speaking
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Our Vision

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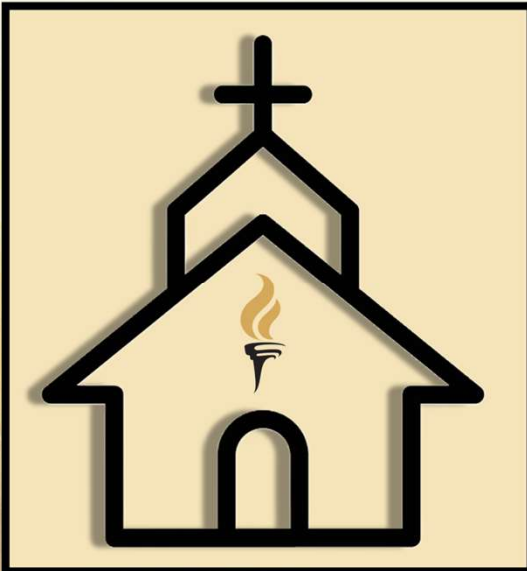
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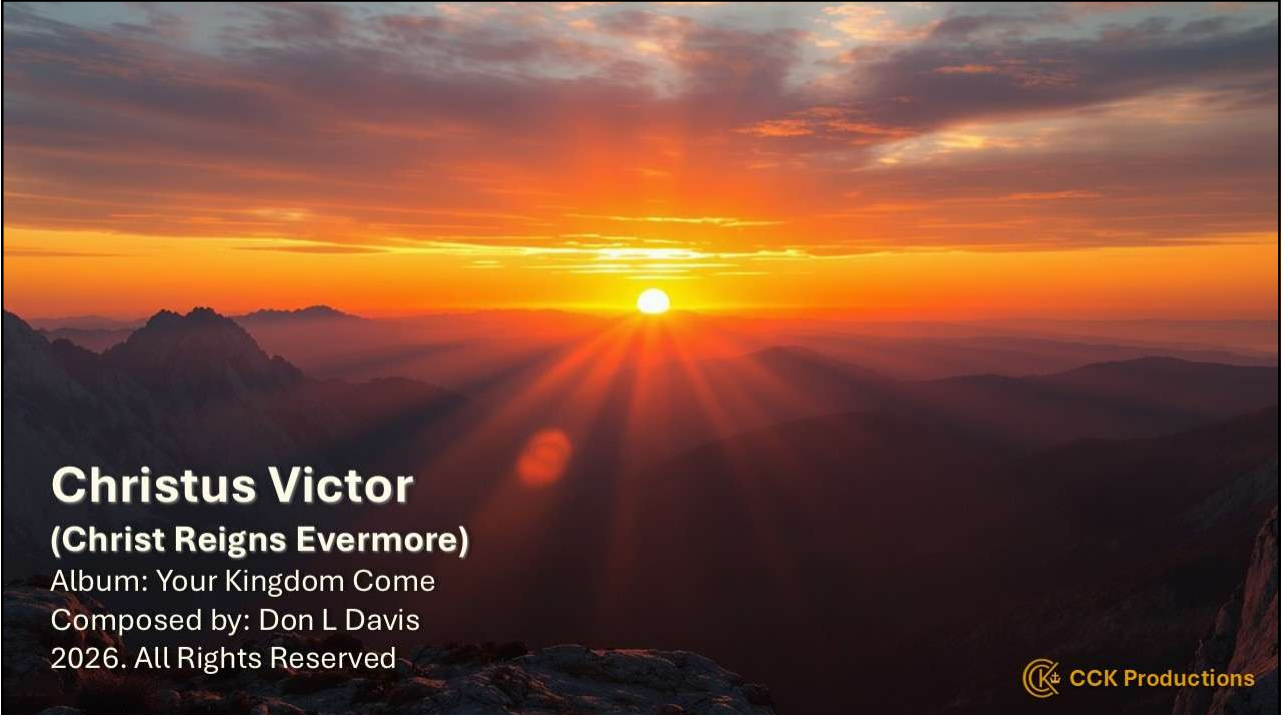
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SESSION 2


**The Story That
Rules All Others**

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I. The Story that rules all others

A. CCK's Identity and Mission

1. The Core Narrative:
Creation → Incarnation → Re-creation (*Missio Dei*).
2. CCK: A covenant community of churches devoted to Christ and his Kingdom
3. Missionary origins, biblical roots, theological heritage, friendship and apprenticeship
4. Living and Thinking in Story: We are Story Tellers, Story Indwellers, Story Shapers

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5. Resource creation and systems management: Certification as our pledge of identity
6. A local presence, global connections, and a missional vision.

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7. 1 John 2:19: We're a movement of:

- Invitation (inviting likeminded friends to consider us)
- Identity (welcoming people into our community as full members), and
- Hospitality (being gracious and generous to each other for the sake of the Kingdom).

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B. Key Points:

- Founded to proclaim Christ and his Kingdom in every sphere of life: Four Dimensions of the Church's Response to God's Story


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The Triune God's Unfolding Drama

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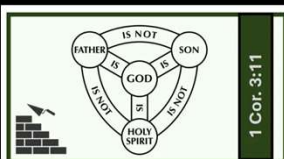
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 - b) Worship: Experiencing His Presence
 - c) Spiritual Formation: Following His Path
 - d) Mission: Fulfilling His Kingdom Purpose

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The Church's Fidelity To Do God's Story



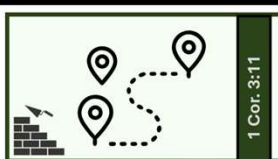
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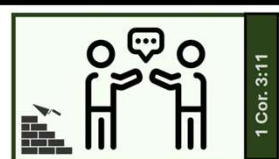
Experience His Presence

Singing, rehearsing, preaching, and re-enacting the Story of God through the Word and Table, foreshadowing Christ's return



Follow His Path

Living in community the baptized life through pastoral oversight, shared spirituality, Christ-life embodiment, and biblical discipleship



Fulfill His Kingdom Purpose

Affirming the Church's unity, engaging in radical hospitality, extravagant generosity, and apostolic witness to the unreached

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B. Key Points:

2. Emphasis on fidelity to the Story, apostolic foundations, friendship and connection, apprenticeship and equipping, invitation and witness.
3. Inviting friends and members across local, national, and global contexts.

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C. CCK's Core: Our Mission, Vision, and Values

1. Our **Mission**: to bring honor and glory to God through our representation of Christ and his Kingdom
2. Our **Vision**: to see CCK Kingdom outposts thriving as Kingdom embassies wherever God has placed them, displaying its reality and testifying to its presence in every broken space around the globe
3. Our **Values**: truth, vision, stewardship, complementarity, freedom, adaptability

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4. A Covenant Community emphasizing local leadership within a global fellowship: CCK is a friendship network dedicated to the flourishing and fruitfulness of its members, affiliates, and standard bearers.

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Key Idea: CCK is a covenant network of leaders, lay folk, churches, and ministries dedicated to displaying Christ's Kingdom life in local church fellowships. We are a movement of mission-shaped churches and ministries committed to fleshing out the Kingdom Story where God has placed us.

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Understanding the CCK Movement

- I. Reflections on CCK Materials
 - A. One Story that Rules Podcast: A Movement for our time
 - B. Dialogue on the Readings
 1. Booklet: Churches of Christ: Our Vision and Hope
 2. CCK Overview


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Leadership as Representation

"Representation is essentially the process of commissioning, empowering, and assessing an agent to act on one's behalf under particular guidelines for specific results"

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- Sending authority, clear mission
- Chosen agent
- Training and entrustment with authority
- Freedom to engage
- Results reviewed and assessed
- Reassignment of next mission

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We are the Lord's
**Impossible Missions
Force**

his enterprise and agents to carry out our specific
assignment in the global mission!

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You can do it. We can help.SM


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All that we are (leaders and followers)
+ Every asset we possess
+ Everyone in our network
+ All donors, friends, and partners
+ All our units collaborating together
+ Every opportunity we can find
+ All the efforts we can muster

= Faithful engagement of the mission

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Key Scripture

Matthew 10.40-42 (ESV)

⁴⁰ “Whoever receives you receives me, and whoever receives me receives him who sent me. ⁴¹ The one who receives a prophet because he is a prophet will receive a prophet’s reward, and the one who receives a righteous person because he is a righteous person will receive a righteous person’s reward.”

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Matthew 10.40-42 (ESV)

⁴² “And whoever gives one of these little ones even a cup of cold water because he is a disciple, truly, I say to you, he will by no means lose his reward.”

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Key Scripture

Mark 9.37 (ESV)
³⁷ “Whoever receives one such child in my name receives me, and whoever receives me, receives not me but him who sent me.”

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Key Scripture

John 12.44-48 (ESV)
⁴⁴ And Jesus cried out and said, “Whoever believes in me, believes not in me but in him who sent me. ⁴⁵
 And whoever sees me sees him who sent me. ⁴⁶ I have come into the world as light, so that whoever believes in me may not remain in darkness.”

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John 12.44-48 (ESV)
⁴⁷ “If anyone hears my words and does not keep them, I do not judge him; for I did not come to judge the world but to save the world. ⁴⁸ The one who rejects me and does not receive my words has a judge; the word that I have spoken will judge him on the last day.”

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Leadership as Representation

Representation as biblical model of leadership

“Over half of the metaphors chosen by Jesus describe **someone who is under the authority of another**. Often the word selected is one member of a familiar role pair, such as child (of a father, *pater*), servant (of a master, *kyrios*), or disciple (of a teacher, *didaskalos*). . . .

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Representation as biblical model of leadership

“ . . . Other images of those under authority include the shepherd (*poimen*) who tends a flock that belongs to another, the worker (*ergates*) hired by the landowner (*oikodespotes*), the apostle (*apostolos*) commissioned by his superior, and the sheep (*probaton*) obeying the voice of the shepherd. . . .

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Representation as biblical model of leadership

“ . . . It is interesting to note that even though the disciples are being prepared for spiritual leadership in the Church, Jesus places far more emphasis on **their responsibility to God's authority**, than on the authority which they themselves will exercise. . . .

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Representation as biblical model of leadership

“. . . There is far more instruction about the role of **following** than about the role of **leading**.”

~ David Bennett, *The Metaphors of Ministry*, p. 62

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Representin': Jesus as God's Chosen Representative

Rev. Dr. Don L. Davis

Jesus Fulfills the Duties of Being an Emissary

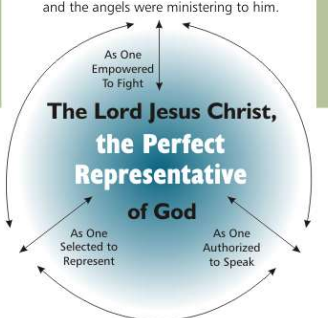
1. Receiving an Assignment, **John 10.17-18**
2. Resourced with an Entrustment, **John 3.34; Luke. 4.18**
3. Launched into Engagement, **John 5.30**
4. Answered with an Assessment, **Matthew 3.16-17**
5. New assignment after Assessment, **Philippians 2.9-11**

The Temptation of Jesus Christ
Challenge to and Contention with God's Rep

Mark 1.12-13 (ESV)
The Spirit immediately drove him out into the wilderness. [13] And he was in the wilderness forty days, being tempted by Satan. And he was with the wild animals, and the angels were ministering to him.

To Represent Another

Is to be selected to stand in the place of another, and thereby fulfill the assigned duties, exercise the rights and serve as deputy for, as well as to speak and act with another's authority on behalf of their interests and reputation.



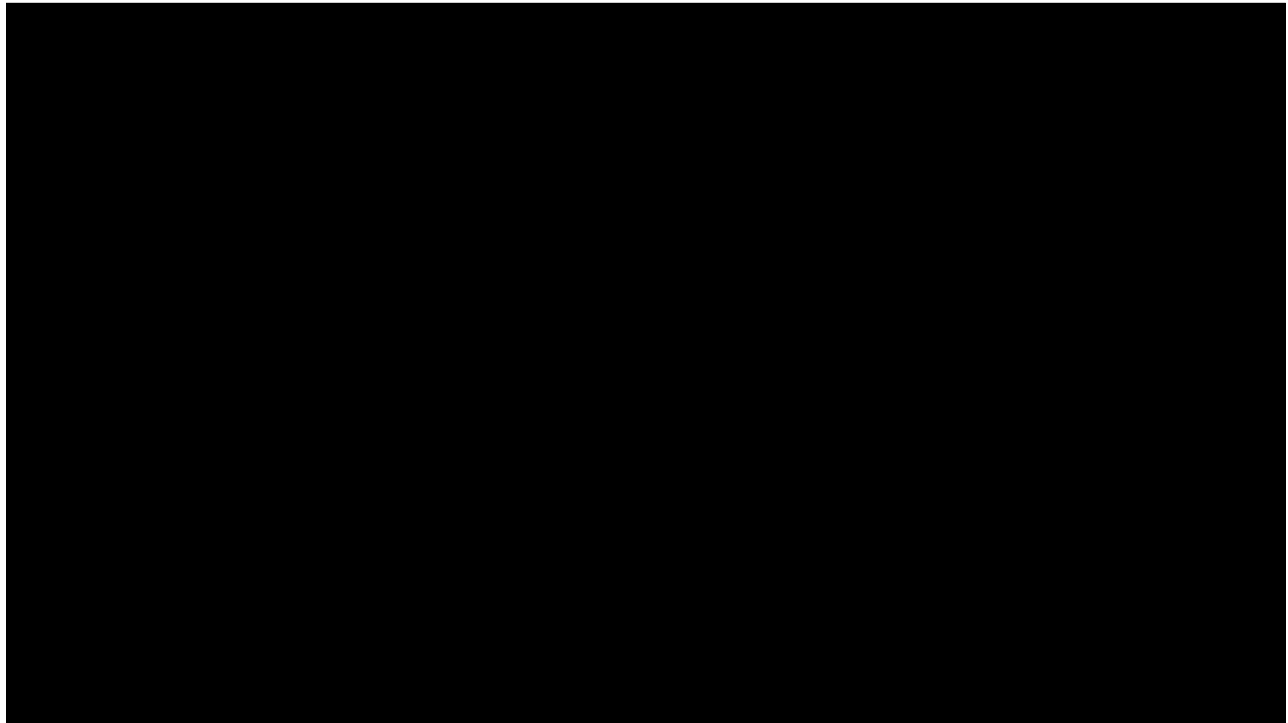
The Baptism of Jesus Christ
Commissioning and Confirmation of God's Rep

Mark 1.9-11 (ESV) In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. [10] And when he came up out of the water, immediately he saw the heavens opening and the Spirit descending on him like a dove. [11] And a voice came from heaven, "You are my beloved Son; with you I am well pleased."

The Public Preaching Ministry of Jesus Christ
Communication and Conveyance by God's Rep

Mark 1.14-15 (ESV) Now after John was arrested, Jesus came into Galilee, proclaiming the gospel of God, [15] and saying, "The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God is at hand; repent and believe in the gospel."

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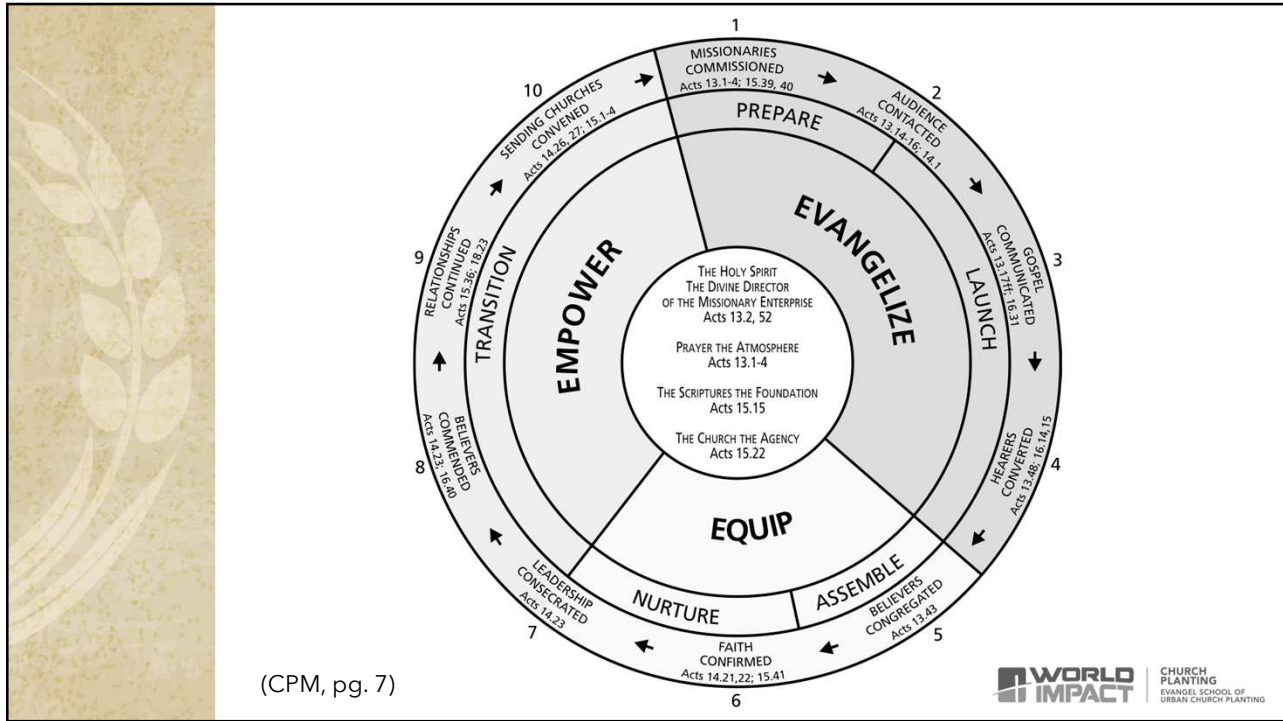
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Introduction

1. Biblical Foundations (CPM, pg. 3)
2. Pauline Model (CPM, pg. 5)
3. Church Planting Overview (CPM, pg. 7)

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How to PLANT a Church

P	L	A	N	T
Prepare	Launch	Assemble	Nurture	Transition
Be the Church	Expand the Church	Establish the Church	Mature the Church	Multiply the Church


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1. Determine your Context

When the Most High gave to the nations their inheritance, when he divided mankind, he fixed the borders of the peoples according to the number of the sons of God.
(Deuteronomy 32:8 ESV)


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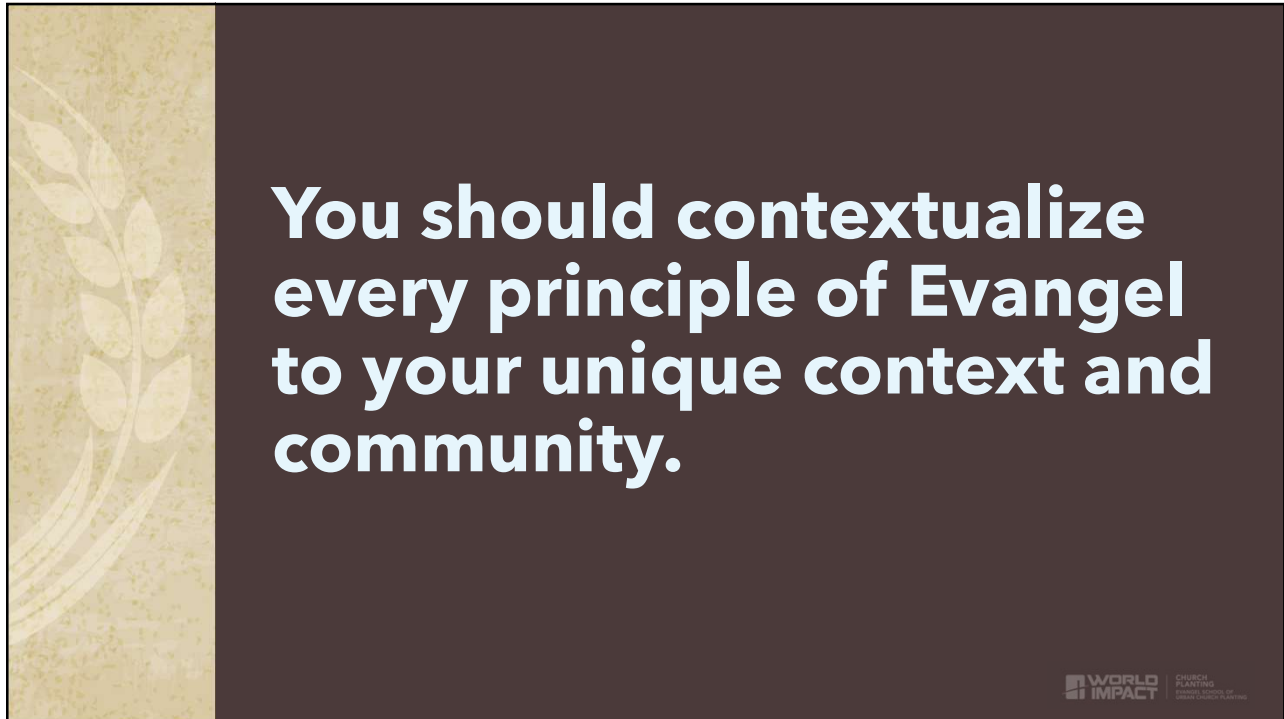


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And He (God) made from one man every nation of mankind to live on all the face of the earth, having determined allotted periods and the boundaries of their dwelling place
(Acts 17:26 ESV)

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You should contextualize every principle of Evangel to your unique context and community.

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2. Determine Your Vision

- Adopt a clear theological vision and choose sound, culturally sensitive models, and expressions of the church.
- Apply biblical wisdom to effectively evangelize, equip, and empower people to respond to the love of Christ and take their place in representing Christ's Kingdom where they live and work.

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2. Determine your Vision

- Your church plant team must have a clear sense of your collective vision and their personal contribution to that vision.
- A clear vision will help you separate the statements "We can do it" from "We should do it" and will keep you from basing decisions on emotion, expediency, or available resources.

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2. Determine your Vision

- Keep a clear focus on the vision.
- Engage only in activities which contribute to the vision.
- There are many good things to invest in, but only a few contribute to the vision.
- Poor stewardship leads us to be driven by opportunities rather than vision.

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2. Determine your Vision

- Wisely consider the implications of each decision, not merely the easiest path.
- Emotions can easily deceive us, so we must be “clear-minded and self-controlled” (1 Pet. 4:7).
- The path of least resistance often carries a high price to pay.

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3. Determine your Values

- Your team must determine what values will drive their work.
- Your team will need to determine what your collective (cooperate) values are primary to your vision. No church can do ten things well. Clarity is king in all church planting efforts.




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COMPARISON
IS THE
THIEF OF JOY.

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3. Determine your Values

- As you determine your values you must avoid comparison.
- "Comparison is the bedrock of pride, the mother of envy and the thief of joy"
- Think through the various personal values that are important to individual team members and arrive at your collective values.

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3. Determine your Values

- We all approach church planting through our experiences evidenced in statements like, “in my old church we did this or that” or “we used to do things this way or that way” and the like.
- In all things, your team will need to be driven by the collective values of your church plant and avoid comparison.

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Charting Your Course CCK Focus

I. Set Your Compass

A. His Word – Christ the living word

1. Read what God's word says about your vision
2. Read what God's word says about your values

B. His Way – The way of Christ (Matthew 11:29)

C. His Will – His will be done (1 Thess 5:14-22)

1. Stay lined up in God's will by being Holy Spirit led
2. Stay lined up in God's will by being humble

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BUILDING YOUR TEAM

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Building Your Team

1. Clarity
2. Belonging
3. Value diverse gifts
4. Implementing & Adapting
5. Communication and Coordination
6. Authorized & Apostolic
7. Evaluation

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Clarity

- I Cor. 14:7-8:
- Even in the case of lifeless things that make sounds, such as the pipe or harp, how will anyone know what tune is being played unless there is a distinction in the notes? Again, if the trumpet does not sound a clear call, who will get ready for battle?
- Teams need to have a clear vision to be effective. Team members need to be playing the same song together.

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Belonging


- I Cor. 12:14-17
- Each member of the team needs to understand their role on the team.
- Each member must be valued and understand how to engage as a healthy team member.
- A member who doesn't understand their function will oftentimes disengage and/or cause conflict.

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1 Corinthians 12:20-26 NKJV ²⁰ But now indeed **there are many members, yet one body.** ²¹ And the eye cannot say to the hand, "I have no need of you"; nor again the head to the feet, "I have no need of you." ²² No, much rather, **those members of the body which seem to be weaker are necessary.** ²³ And **those members of the body which we think to be less honorable, on these we bestow greater honor; and our unrepresentable parts have greater modesty,** ²⁴ but our representable parts have no need. But God composed the body, having given greater honor to that part which lacks it, ²⁵ that **there should be no [a]schism in the body, but that the members should have the same care for one another** ²⁶ And if one member suffers, all the members suffer with it; or if one member is honored, all the

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Valuing Diverse Gifts

- Gifts must be valued and coordinated so that the entire team benefits.
- Do not minimize the gifts of others because they are not your own.
- Value and strategically use the giftings God has placed on your team. Assessments might be helpful if team members do not understand their gifts.

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Implementing and Adapting

- Nehemiah rebuilding the wall
- He had a vision and calling and implemented a plan to rebuild the wall along with the returned exiles
- Nehemiah faced opposition within and without and had to adapt and encourage his people despite the sacrifices required.

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Communication and Coordination


- Be clear in your communication and make sure that people understand not the task and the mission.
- Coordinate your activities as a team so that you don't duplicate effort or work against each other.
- Communication and coordination allows a team to function despite difficulties.

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Authorized and Apostolic

- Call and set apart people who are called to the work of ministry. Paul, Barnabas, and Stephen.
- Lay hands carefully, but make sure that we are stewarding the gifting of those who are called.
- Church planting is a unique calling, search out those with unique gifting for the work.

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Evaluation

- Evaluate your efforts consistently. Check the fruit.
- Check to see that the team is functioning properly and make need adjustments.
- Celebrate victories and be available to invest into the life of your team.

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BUILDING RESILIENCE

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Building Resilience

1. Biblical Patterns of Resilient Leaders
2. Developing Patterns that Promote Resiliency
3. Healing from Relational Hurts and Losses

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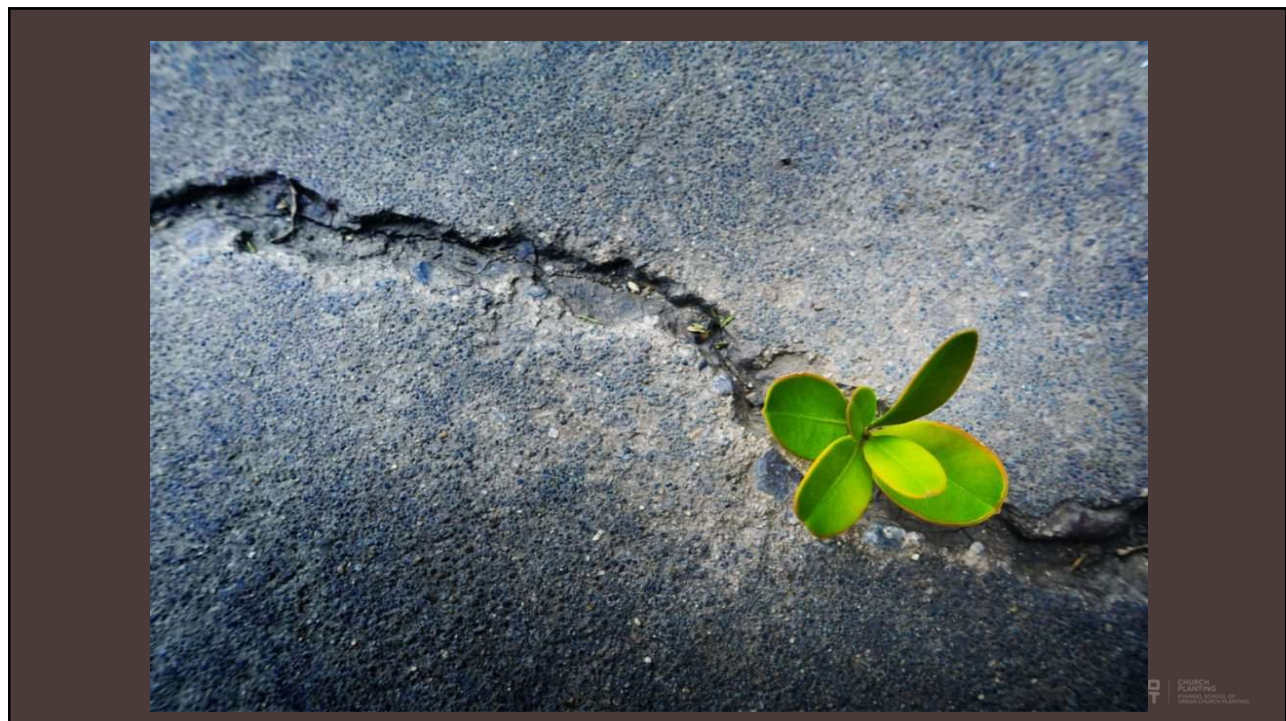
Building Resilience

Resilience defined:


- The capacity to withstand or to recover quickly from difficulties; toughness.
- Resilience is not a natural quality it is a developed characteristic.

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Building Resilience

- Ministry is taxing emotionally and spiritually.
- Every leader needs to build resilience to not only withstand the challenges of ministry but grow stronger from them.
- Leaders who do not build healthy ministry patterns often burnout or settle into toxic ministry patterns.



 

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Biblical Examples

- Moses: became exhausted from overwork and struggled to lead a stubborn and difficult people.
 - Exodus 18:13-23
 - Exodus 17:8:13


 

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Biblical Examples

- David: was unjustly hunted for years and his own son attempted to kill him. He entrusted his life to God despite the circumstances.
 - Psa. 8:1-6
 - 2 Sam. 15:18-23


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Biblical Examples

- Jesus: endured rejection, disbelief, and the cross. Ministry exhausted him and would often withdraw to pray to be sustained.
 - Matt. 14:13
 - Luke 22:39-46

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Biblical Examples

- Paul: was shipwrecked, stoned, beaten, and imprisoned. He never worked in isolation and always labored alongside a disciple or friend.
 - 2 Cor. 1:8-11
 - Acts 16:1-5

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Healing from hurt and loss

- Grieve
- Avoid isolation
- Embrace your calling and the reality of suffering

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Prepare: CCK Focus

- I. We Serve the King
 - A. The Lord's Provision in Our Calling
 1. Power of the Holy Spirit
 2. The Blood of Christ not even the accusation of the enemy
 3. Gird up your loins
 4. Gospel is the power of God unto salvation
 5. We operate out of the victory of Christ
 - B. Get Your Faith Up!
 1. We are called to claim territory of the King
 2. Paul counted it a privilege to suffer for Christ
 3. We are outnumbered but not outgunned: Christ won!

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Engage strong and dream big!

Now to him who is able to do far more abundantly than all that we ask or think, according to the power at work within us, to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, forever and ever. Amen.

- Eph. 3:20-21

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Church Plant Training page (mycck.church/sister-churches/)

Assignments:

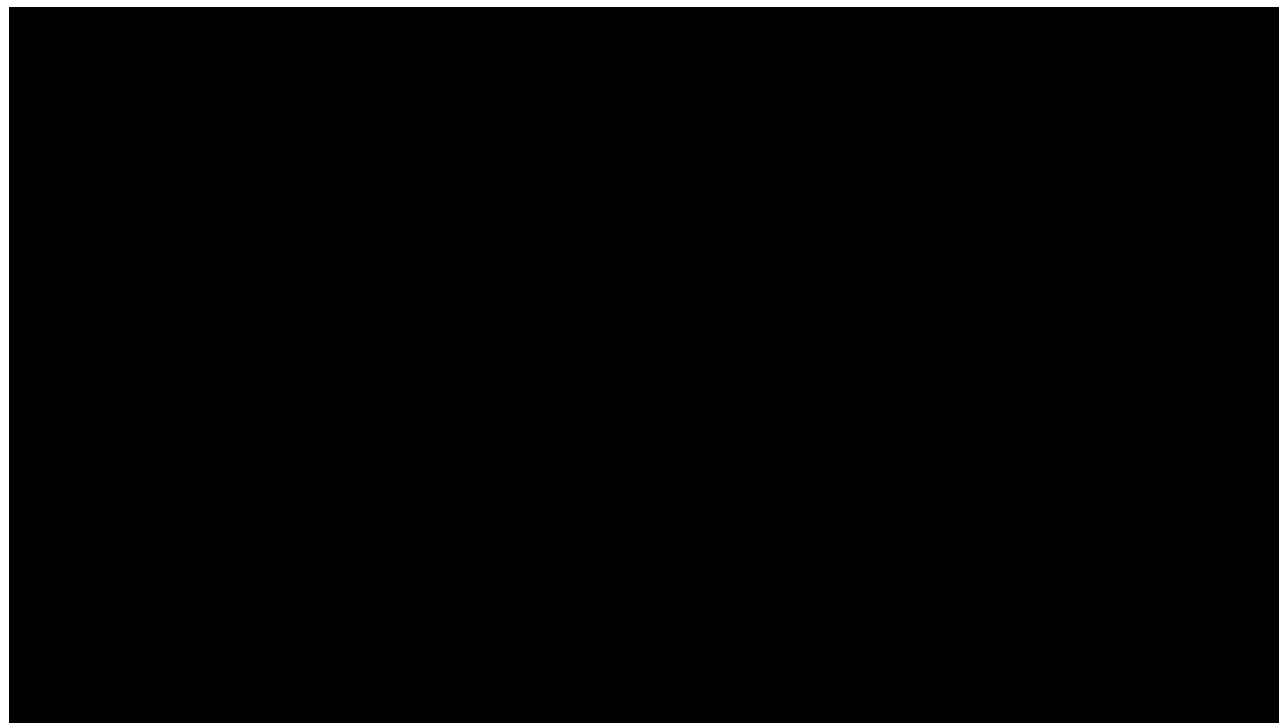
Team Exercises (Prepare: CCK's CP Training page)

1. Exercise 1: Establishing Context
2. Exercise 2: Defining Values and Vision

Assignments: CCK's Church Plant Training page

1. Read Church Plant Manual pages 37-64
2. Read Identity: Baptism, Eucharist and the Story of God

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