

Church Planting page

Personal Assessment

The following questionnaire is not intended to be used as an assessment for becoming a church planter. That process is based on the Peer Assessment that is highly recommended. This Personal Assessment is to help an individual determine if beginning the process for church planting is something the person should even consider at this time.

Complete the following questions, print the results, and consider your responses as you pray about beginning the process of becoming a church planter.

- How do you define your overall call to ministry?

- What specifically about your call to ministry is drawing you toward being a church planter?

- Have you ever been part of a new church start as a member or on staff?

- What was your experience and overall impression of that church plant?

- What are the top three things that you enjoy doing related to church ministry?

- What are the three things that you least enjoy doing related to church ministry?

- Name the last three people you have led to Christ. How are they being disciplined today?

- Does your immediate family and closest friends support your desire to plant a church? What types of comments have they made to you regarding church planting versus some other area of ministry?

- Can you raise funds to support the planting of a new church? (You may need to raise 90% or more of the first year's budget including your salary from outside support – family, friends, churches.)

- If you could do anything in ministry, what would you choose to do?

- What have you started in life – clubs, groups, a Sunday School class, a business, etc?

- What books have you read related to church planting?

- What educational background do you have that will help in your being a church planter?

- Do you plan to have a secular job to help take care of your family while starting a church? If you are married, will your wife work?

- What salary expectations do you have if you become a church planter?

- If you had the opportunity to go as a senior pastor of a healthy church today, would you turn it down to pursue church planting?
- If you are considering planting a church in a specific location (county, town, or neighborhood), why did you choose that area?
- If no other entity (church, association, state convention) will work with you to plant a church, will you plant a church on your own?
- Do you have a mentor or coach related to ministry? If so, do they understand the role of a church planter?
- If you decided not to plant a church, would you be depressed or relieved? Would your wife cry or leap for joy?

Final Reminder: This questionnaire is not intended to assess your capability as a church planter. Rather, it is only intended to cause you additional reflection time before deciding whether to move forward or not as a church planter.