

# NINE FREEDOMS OF CHRISTIAN CHURCHES

## Common to all CPMs (with our own spin)

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**Assignments:** In your prayer & planning groups, write down your plans for how you will enact each of these freedoms.

1. **Freedom for young churches to start newer churches as soon as the Lord makes it possible.** Bible models include Barnabas (B1 in the outline) and Epaphras.

*For churches to start newer ones, they need the following:*

2. **Freedom to obey the commands of Christ and his apostles above and before all religious rules and traditions.** Bible models include Peter (A1 in the outline) and also Christ with the Jews.
3. **Freedom to enter the homes of unconverted seekers, evangelizing them and making disciples within their own cultures and families.** Bible models include Peter with Cornelius (F1), Paul (G1) and Jesus when he sent out the seventy.
4. **Freedom to baptize new believers without delay, and to celebrate the Lord's Table wherever they meet.** Bible models include Christ (G5, item 81), Abel, (D5) and the example of the early church in Acts 2.
5. **Freedom to serve one another in the Body of Christ as intimate, loving churches and cells, using all the gifts that the Holy Spirit has given to them.** (1 Corinthians 14:24-26)
6. **Freedom to provide pastoral leadership by those who meet the NT qualifications of elders, with or without salaries.** Bible models include Paul (D4) and Titus (G2).
7. **Freedom to apply any New Testament method of preaching and teaching God's Word according to each group's size and its leaders' maturity.** Bible models include the New Testament 'one another commands' and Jesus' conversational style.
8. **Freedom for pastoral trainers to respond to immediate needs of new churches and leaders.** Bible models include Jehosaphat (B1), Christ (B2) and Titus.
9. **Freedom to provide regional coordinators who supervise new and immature churches and pastoral leaders.** Bible models include Titus (G2).