

Apply. Do the following.

1. Pray for your region, that the Lord will raise up labourers to start churches.
2. Write down the names of church members whom you would like to commission and coach.
3. Take the map you drew earlier, and write on it the name of individuals who could start the new churches that you have prayed for.
4. Lay a plan to discuss your plans with your co-workers.
5. Lay a plan to start coaching those individuals, should they prove willing.

Test. Tick the best answer to each query.

A. Who normally start new churches?

- ☐ Trained missionaries who come with a salary and motor vehicle.
- ☐ Members of one church who help a new church get started.
- ☐ Denominational leaders who supply personnel and a budget.

B. Who normally instruct church planters and new leaders?

- ☐ Leaders of a 'mother' church coach labourers who coach others also.
- ☐ Experienced church planters become teachers in bible schools.
- ☐ Missionaries pay local labourers to do the work for them.

C. Who planted churches in Colossae?

- ☐ Paul
- ☐ Timothy
- ☐ Epaphras
- ☐ Nympha

D. Could bible school leavers start all the churches that your region needs?

- ☐ Probably
- ☐ Probably not
- ☐ I have no idea

E. What does God give to churches, so they can grow and reproduce?

- ☐ Jobs, incomes, tithes and offerings
- ☐ Five kinds of workers (apostles, prophets, evangelists, shepherds and teachers)
- ☐ Bible schools, seminaries, denominations and missionary societies.

F. Where to find more labourers to start more churches?

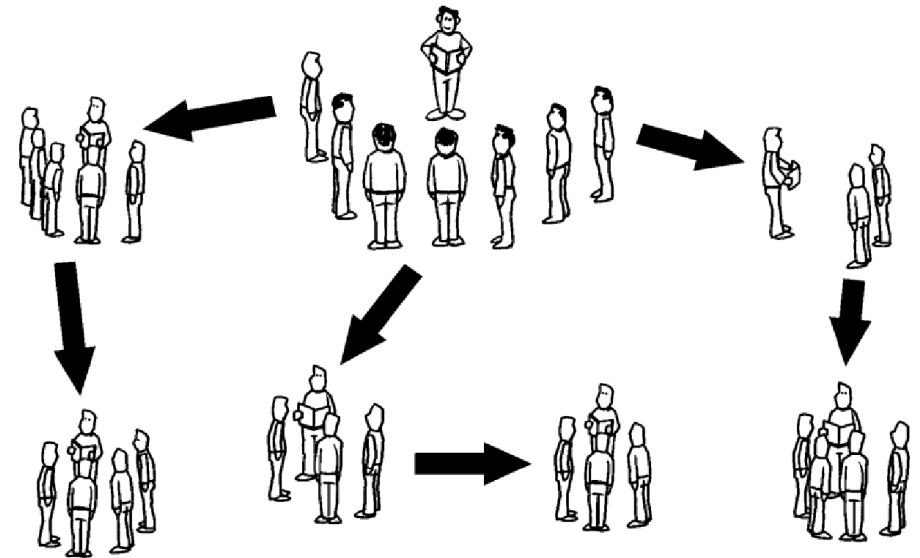
- ☐ Keep on praying to the Lord to send more labourers.
- ☐ Appeal to missions and churches to send more labourers.
- ☐ Scold congregations for not giving more money to send labourers.

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Module objective: Discover apostolic church planting methods

Learning objective: Learners lay plans to plant new, interactive cells and churches

Outcome objective: Labourers plant new, interactive cells and churches

Read T&M study 21, *Start New Churches*

Key scriptures: Matthew 9:37-38, Acts 13:1-3, Colossians 4:12-17

Story. Introduce three ministry leaders, Reverends Abbah, Babbah, Cabbah and Dabbah.

Abbah: We had an evangelism team visit our region a month ago. Although scores of folk raised their hand to receive Christ, none of them has come into our churches. I do not know what to do.

Babbah: Many of our church members and attenders have moved house to nearby towns to work. Most of those no longer attend services in our chapels. I do not know what to do.

Cabbah: Other ethnic groups have settled in our region, but most of them do not like our language and culture, so they do not attend our churches. I do not know what to do.

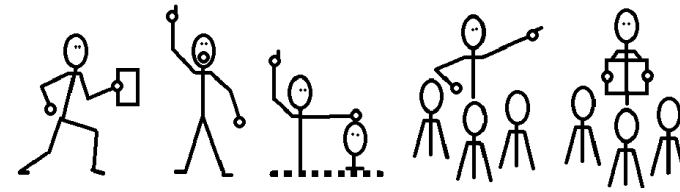
Dabbah: We know that many thousands of folk in our region have not heard the gospel. The task remains too great for our little churches. I do not know what to do.

Reflect. What could each leader have done in order that all believers belong to a church?'

Discover. Read the key verses, and reply to this query: 'In what ways did Jesus and his apostles find new church planters?' Write your answers here:

Summary.

- (1) Jesus commanded leaders to pray to the Lord to send out labourers.
- (2) In every church, there are those to whom God will give a desire to start churches. (See Ephesians 4.11-12.)
- (3) It was churches that commissioned labourers, not missions.
- (4) It was church leaders who coached new leaders and church planters.



Apply. Look for maps, charts and statistics on the following.

- (1) The need to plant new churches in your ministry region.
- (2) The need to plant new churches in nearby regions.
- (3) The current rate of population growth and the current rate of church planting.
- (4) Social, legal, financial and religious trends that require more new churches.
- (5) The annual rate of bible school graduates and their potential to plant new churches.

Reflect. Who could plant the new churches that your region requires?

Story. Three individuals meet as a local church council.

Leader. 'We must hurry with our agenda, for we have many matters to decide, this evening.'

Member. 'Before that, can we talk about the need to start a church amongst the immigrants?'

Deacon. 'Let missionaries start churches. We should take care of our own church.'

Member. 'Could we commission someone from our church to go start a new church?'

Deacon. 'Well, maybe we could hire my nephew. He is unemployed and needs a job.'

Reflect. Whom should the church council commission to start a new church?

