 **The Apostolic Church Planting Manual**
How to Plant, Disciple, and Multiply the
Kingdom Way
for Anywhere, Anyone, Anytime



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Overview

This manual is for:

- Pastors, planters, and disciple-makers starting churches in hard-to-reach, unreached, or overlooked places
- Leaders in rural villages, urban slums, refugee camps, remote communities, or online
- Those planting churches with little to no money, building, or formal structure — but deep surrender and faith

What it is:

A practical, biblical guide to launch **Spirit-led, Word-centered, reproducible gatherings of Jesus-followers** — in any space God gives you.

Core Values

- ✓ Jesus is the Head.
 - ✓ The Church is people, not property.
 - ✓ Discipleship is the mission, not just decisions.
 - ✓ Obedience leads to authority.
 - ✓ The Kingdom can meet under a tree or on a screen.
 - ✓ You don't plant a service — you plant a *spiritual family*.
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PHASE 1: CLARIFY THE CALLING

 *Isaiah 6:8* — “Here I am. Send me.”

Ask:


- Has God called me to start something new?
- Am I willing to go empty, unknown, uninvited — but sent by God?
- Am I ready to obey when it's uncomfortable or inconvenient?

Checklist:

- I've surrendered my plans and asked God to refine my motive.
- I'm not looking for status — I want spiritual fruit.
- I've invited others to pray with me about this assignment.

 Write your call story in 3 sentences.

PHASE 2: FIND THE PERSON OF PEACE

 *Luke 10:6* — “If a man of peace is there, your peace will rest on him.”

A person of peace is:

- Spiritually open (not always saved yet)
- Welcomes you into their space
- Introduces you to others
- May become a disciple or gateway to a whole community

Look in places like:

- Markets, cafés, water stations
- WhatsApp groups, phone contacts
- Public parks, roadside shops
- Zoom calls, workplaces, homes
- Refugee camps or schoolyards

Checklist:

- I've walked/prayed through my area.
- I've offered prayer to strangers or asked about their story.
- I've met at least one open, spiritually curious person.

 Describe your person of peace.

PHASE 3: GATHER ANYWHERE THE SPIRIT LEADS

 *Matthew 18:20* — “Where two or three gather in My name...”

The Church can meet:

- In a living room
- On WhatsApp audio
- In a café
- Under a tree
- On a farm, bus stop, or schoolyard
- In a Zoom room
- Beside a river or in a prayer hut

How to begin:


- Invite a few to pray or talk about God
- Share a Bible story or passage
- Ask questions, not preach sermons
- Make room for everyone to share

Checklist:

- I'm meeting with people regularly to grow in Christ
- We are engaging Scripture, not just chatting
- We expect Jesus to be present, not just tradition

 *"If it's simple, reproducible, and focused on Jesus — you're on the right track."*

PHASE 4: MAKE OBEDIENCE-BASED DISCIPLES

 *Matthew 28:20* — “Teach them to obey...”

Discovery Bible Study (DBS) Format:

1. What do you see in this passage?
2. What does this show us about God?
3. What does it show us about people?
4. What is God asking you to obey?
5. Who can you share this with?

Whether on WhatsApp or under a mango tree, keep the Word central.

Checklist:

- We ask: “What is God saying?” and “What will I do?”
 - We encourage every person to obey, not just learn.
 - We share the Word beyond the meeting.
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PHASE 5: MULTIPLY — DON'T CENTRALIZE

 2 Timothy 2:2 — “Entrust to faithful people...”

The goal is not bigger crowds — it's more harvest fields.

When to multiply:

- Group grows beyond 10–15 people
- New area opens up through a contact
- New leader shows faithfulness & hunger
- The Spirit nudges you to release, not control

How to multiply:

- Appoint an emerging leader
- Launch a new gathering (even if it's in a hut, Zoom call, or quiet corner)
- Stay relationally connected, but don't hold ownership

Checklist:

- I'm raising up someone else to lead soon.
- I've identified a new place or group to launch.
- I'm not building a ministry *to keep* — I'm releasing it to grow.

PHASE 6: MOVE IN POWER AND PRAYER

 *Mark 16:17–18* — “These signs will follow those who believe...”

Expect:

- Healing
- Freedom from oppression
- Dreams and visions
- Prophetic words
- Supernatural provision
- Boldness and joy

Checklist:

- We pray for the sick and expect healing
 - We welcome the Holy Spirit to lead us
 - We confront darkness with faith, not fear
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GATHERING FORMAT EXAMPLES

 **In a Home, Café, or Under a Tree:**

1. Welcome + personal check-ins
2. Give thanks + simple songs
3. Prayer for one another
4. Read Bible passage (use DBS format)
5. Ask: “What will we obey?”

6. Pray and close

★ On WhatsApp or Zoom:

1. Each person shares thanks or challenges
 2. One reads or sends a Scripture
 3. Each replies with: "What does this show about God? About me?"
 4. Pray (voice or text)
 5. Share one person they'll reach this week
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PLANTER'S SELF-CHECK

- Is this gathering centered on Jesus, not me?
 - Am I hearing God's voice and obeying?
 - Am I releasing others to lead?
 - Am I praying for the lost and for miracles?
 - Am I following the Holy Spirit, not a formula?
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SIMPLICITY CHURCH DNA

- **We follow Jesus, not a system.**
- **We gather anywhere He leads us.**
- **We live surrendered. We multiply disciples.**
- **We don't need buildings to be a church.**
- **We build people, not brands.**

- **We obey the Word and welcome the Spirit.**
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NEXT STEPS:

- Print or translate this manual for new planters
- Host a church planter training using this manual
- Begin mentoring someone through their own planting journey
- Pray daily for a new community or platform to plant a church