

**Top 10 things you did in parenting that were**  
**critical**  
**to the success of your church plant**

PRAYER / SPIRITUAL EMPOWERMENT

Trust in the Holy Spirit, Holy Spirit leading, intercession, the Holy Spirit is the catalyst and true initiator for the church, prayer releases the power of the Holy Spirit in the process, prayer teams

FAITH / BIBLICAL FOUNDATION

Not having every answer nailed down before we start the journey, Biblical foundation is the map and compelling commission for starting a new church, faith enables us to embrace the risk, the risk is so great that only God can accomplish **it**, releasing control over to God

VISION / VALUE

Answering "Why are we doing this?", love for the lost, evangelism, clear picture of preferred future, moving where God is moving, purpose of why the church exists, defining our convictions, parameters within which the process happens, guide for when the storm comes

PARENT CHURCH LEADERSHIP

Initiators of the vision, have a passion for the lost, nurturing and birthing role, carries the responsibility, influencers that allow and empower to make it happen, provide modeling, fruit that grows on other people's trees

PLANTER SELECTION

Right person in the right place and right time, select for leadership and communication ability, teach-ability cannot be overemphasized, heart for evangelism, assessed

RESOURCES

Visionary givers, willing to risk financially, prayer support, not just money but coaches, models, training, people who have walked before us, other gifted leaders, sharing experiences, budgetary re-alignment, sow generously, doesn't only take money, systematic approach

COMMUNICATION

Preaching, teaching, continually communicating the vision,  
media, telling stories, two-way between parent and plant

## DEMOGRAPHICS

Percept, looking for new communities, alignment with planter and place, alignment of vision with location and people to be reached, targeting right group, spiritual mapping, spiritual discernment, ethnic diversity and transition of community as opportunity

## RELATIONSHIPS

Love between parent leader and new church leaders, spirit of doing it together, evangelism happens best in relationships, good communication, trust and empowerment, love and trust between senior pastor and church planter, friendship and fellowship

## COACHING

Out of a relationship, accountability, skill matters, transparency, evaluate closely, desire to improve, planter submitting to the coach, teachable, best coaches understand the personality, wiring and needs of the planter, allows for self-discovery, part of discipleship

## **WHAT ARE THE KEY FACTORS FOR PLANTING?**

- Intentionality and passion for lost or disconnected people
- Trusted visionary leadership from the parent church/Imagination—thinking outside the box
- Money/Resources
- Planter selection process
- Network and coaching for church planter/Accountability for results/Dare to confront
- Strategy for Planting/Prayer strategy
- Sensing God's leading to plant/Confirmation of the baby
- Faith/Willingness to risk/Resilience

## **WHAT ARE BARRIERS TO PLANTING?**

- Fear—Change or the unknown
- No leadership
- No leadership or dysfunctional leadership
- Maintenance mode ministry
- Preoccupation with self
- Lack of prayer/Spiritual; battle
- Wrong assessment of planter
- Mistrust
- Lack of trust in God to provide resources and finances
- "Soulless" behavior and soul ties—No spiritual vitality
- Unhealthy conflict in the body

- No support from the senior pastor
- Dysfunctional structures