

SMF Paid Church Planting Residency Program

Each class will be three days of 3 hours from 8:30am to 11:30pm. lunch will be till 1 then Fund Raising, tent-making and outreach will be from 1 to 8 with dinner at 815

Missions Motivation and Death to Self Week

This course will be talking about death to self as it is a major theme in the New Testament. Jesus said that anyone that wanted to gain their life must lose it and that anyone that did not deny self and take up their cross could not be his disciple. Paul said that it was no longer he that lived, but Christ in him and that he died daily. This good news is much different than the self-centered gospel that often times gets presented in Christian circles. We will talk about Cat (man-centered) vs. Dog (God-centered) Theology and the importance of being dead to self in order to know God's will and accomplish great kingdom purposes. We will also be talking about the motivation of missions and focusing on God's glory.

Intercessory Prayer Week

It has been said that "nothing happens apart from intercessory prayer". Prayer is the backbone of the missionary and is a universal element of every revival and church planting movement throughout history. We must learn how to "watch and pray" both listening and asking with boldness as we pray according to His will. As we spend time with God, our heart begins to beat as His heart does and we begin to rejoice with the things that make Him rejoice and be broken for the things that break His heart. This course is all about intimacy with God and changing the world through prayer.

Volunteer Staff and Leadership Development

We will train and equip church planters on how to raise up and equip quality volunteers who understand and believe in the Mission of God. These volunteers will embrace an excellence mindset to serve the community and the mission of God. They will be trained in several tools and abilities to do these things.

Personal Discovery and Team Dynamics Week

During this course, we will tackle the number one reason that people leave the mission field: not being able to get along with other missionaries! We need to understand that people are made unique with different personalities, temperaments, giftings, love languages, etc. We will talk a lot about knowing yourself and others as well as tips on resolving conflict and working on teams. It is essential on the mission field that you understand a little bit about psychology and sociology because missions work is basically all about relationships. So, we will study about people and what makes them tick so that we can better work with other ministers and be able to be more effective at reaching out to the lost.

Community Transformation Week

This missions course takes us on a journey of discovering the universal principles of revival and community transformation. As we study moves of God throughout history and throughout the world, there are certain themes and principles that are evident in all of them. There are no formulas to seeing God move in this special way, but we can learn a lot from studying how God has moved in the past and how he wants to move again. We will also look at real testimonies of God transforming whole societies across the globe in our generation.

Orality and Storytelling Week

During this course, we will talk about the most effective way to share the gospel with people of oral or non-literate cultures. We will talk about the power of storytelling and how chronological storying has been an effective tool in many missions contexts. We will also look at a lot of different audio and video resources that are being used overseas to disciple the nations. Storytelling is a tool that is being used all over the world in evangelism, discipleship, and church planting.

Fishing, Farming, and Fundraising

Discovering Transferrable Principles that build key teams. First, build a team of supporters, donors, prayer warriors, networkers, and business partners. The primary principle of building this team is to have an overflow of resources that funds your vision, and helps catalyze others to start their ministries. Second, team we will build fishers of men, who will engage total strangers with the gospel. The principle is to disciple our leaders to constantly do evangelism in the marketplace. Third team principal which is adopting a geographic areas for seasonal outreaches; including outreach events, service projects, and survey evangelism.

Four Fields Training/ CPM Training

The purpose of this module is to discuss the universal elements of Church Planting Movements (CPMs) and Disciple Making Movements (DMMs). There are places around the world where people are coming to Christ in droves and churches are being planted very rapidly. We want to learn some of the New Testament principles that are being used to see these types of movements to Christ. We will talk about reproducible discovery Bible studies, obedience based discipleship, leadership development, elephant vs. rabbit churches, etc.

Planting Reproducing Churches through Adult Conversion

See John Worcester

Business As Mission: A way to become a key Tentmaking Leader

Community Transformation

The purpose of this missions course is to discover the importance of the social gospel and mercy ministry in the missions world. Most organizations and missionaries are moving to a more holistic approach of reaching out and helping with both physical and spiritual needs. Poverty, injustice, trafficking, immigration, and other topics will be discussed as well as the importance of incarnational living. We will also look at some practical ways to help developing nations with their physical needs such as solar cooking, drilling wells, community gardens, etc.

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