



Introduction.

Intentional Church Planting Training is a proven and practical evangelism and church-planting tool. Its purpose is to provide local believers with simple, reproducible training designed to:

Empower them to share the gospel.

Enable them to train others.

Equip them to gather new believers into new house churches.

The training also acts as a **filter**. It can help the trainer identify those who seek to **obey** the commands of Jesus.

Over the years **Intentional Church Planting Training** has been used by The Lord to help expose millions of people to the gospel and plant thousands of churches throughout South Asia.

The following material is a practical overview of the content and sessions to be covered. We claim no originality.

Intentional Church Planting Training is a collection of trainings that has been condensed and adapted from many effective practitioners.

"Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age."

28:19-20

MATTHEW

FOLLOW UP ICPT – 8 Markers For Planting Healthy Churches

Introductions

Manners-Instructor-Translator-Student

Cell Phones-Off or Silent

SESSION 1: DISCOVERY

Listen to trainees share about what God has been doing since the last training.

1. Listen for:
 - Stories of new believers since training? List of 20?
 - Stories of new trainings? List of 3?
 - Are there any new groups or churches started?
- Try to draw it out of them. Ask those not speaking.

- Very important session as it helps determine who is doing the work.
2. Ask trainees to give report, on paper, answering:
 - Since training, how many have heard gospel?
 - Since training, how many new believers?
 - How many believers have been trained in 4 Fields?
 - How many groups or churches started since training?
- Collect these and examine each
- You are looking for people doing the work
- Plan to get back to the key individuals later in 2nd day

- This is a training ticket to help get into the next training

Talk about John 10

- Have them turn to John 10 and read verses 11-18 together
- Discover here that Jesus calls Himself the Good Shepherd and lays His life down for His sheep
- He calls us to be good shepherds and to lay our life down for our sheep. How? Help them to obey the commands of Jesus

Lord's Table:

- If needed have the Lord's table all together as a closing to training.

- So what will you do when you leave training? What is your action step for each believer?
 - Take hand and put on names and pray for helping your believers grow.
 - Tell them to keep these charts with them at all times, adding new believers as you go...

SESSION 2: REVIEW

Reviewing the 4 Fields Training:

- Discover their 4 Fields capabilities
- Review all 4 Fields
- Go over importance of repetition in learning
- Have them go over everything, field by field
- Goal is to make sure all are familiar again

SESSION 3: NEW TRAINING

How do we plant strong and healthy churches?

Road analogy: road signs, how far to destination

8 Markers For Planting Healthy Churches

What do I look for to indicate a healthy and strong church?

Draw the graphic (minus symbols): Have them do as well



Skit: 2x2 example

Convert new believer

Teach 7 commands

Baptism

Convert new believer

Teach 7 commands – Who? Baby's mother

Form church – go over what?

Convert new believer - repeat

Make leader

Move on

Repeat

Emphasize roles of new baby's mother, 7 commands,
and what does the church do.

1. Baptism: draw



- We must baptize new believers, and right away
- Write passages and have them answer 2 questions:
 1. Who did the baptism?
 2. When did the baptism happen?
- Acts 16:31-33
- Acts 8:34-38 (key passage)
- Acts 2:38-41
- Acts 10:44-48

➤ Key points are:

1. That any believer can do baptism
2. Baptism is to be done right away

Why? Encourages new believers hearts.

Never force. Ask, "If they say no, do we insist?"

Review step using flash cards.

2. Habit of Meeting Together:



draw
together

- Gathering new believers regularly
- Acts 2:38-47 What do we do?
- Review hand: who, what, why, where, how
- Fire example: strong vs. weak (by itself)

Review step/s using flash cards.

3. Lord's Table:



draw

- 1 Cor. 11: 23-27
- It's important that new believers learn about and participate in the Lord's table.
- 2 purposes of:
 1. Looking back to Jesus' death-hand signal
 2. Looking ahead to His return-hand signal

Ask who has participated in Lord's Table and if some have not, then prepare to do Lord's Table at end of training and involve trainees.

Review step/s using flash cards.

4. Giving: draw



Offerings

- First
- Luke 6:38
- Train believers the importance to give back to God's work
- Concept of not just money-time, talents, treasure
 - God loves a cheerful giver 2 Cor. 9:6-8

Review step/s using flash cards.

5. Appointing New Servant Leaders:



draw

- Mark 10: 42-45
- Two types of leaders:
 1. Banyan Tree
 2. Banana Tree
- Draw and explain both
- Draw org charts: top down and bottom up
- Where is the leader? Who gets the blessing?
- How do we begin to train new leader? Have them do the Lord's Table

Review step/s using flash cards.

6. All believers are priests:



draw

- 1 Peter 2:9-10
- What can priests do?
- Emphasize then that all believers can give baptism, and so you don't have to wait for a certain leader
- Train your new leaders to do this so there are no delays
- Skit with old vs. young/new believers and how all are priests so all can do baptism. Emphasize the mother of new baby doing the baptism.

Review step/s using flash cards.

7. Sending out missionaries:



draw

- Mark 16:15
- What does this missionary do? Review 4 Fields

Review step/s using flash cards.

8. 7 Commands: draw

- Matt. 28:20
- Keeps training believer to know and obey
- Consistent practice of 7 Commands: Review all 7
- Stress importance of Obeying, not just Knowing

Review step/s using flash cards.

Notice the Road

- The road goes up and down, why?
- Sometimes it's easy and believers are saying yes and obeying
- Sometimes it's hard as they say no and reject

Review

- Practice with all of them using flash cards – mix up
- Have volunteers come up and see who can do all
- Practice drawing the road with symbols

Session 4: Action Plan – 7 Commands Chart

- Next Steps
- Helping them with a tool to teach new believers the 7 Commands
- List out the 7 Commands, draw symbols, and review
- Erase words and practice symbols
- Ask trainees who is leading a group or church
- Gather these into group/s
- Have the remaining form a group behind them

- This part of action plan is especially for church leaders
- Hand out 3 copies of the chart to each leader
- Walk them through the chart
- A tool to help believers in churches to become strong and obedient believers
- A farmer needs tools to help him grow good crops, so this is a tool to help believers grow
- Go over the chart
- Write down all names of people in their church/group
- Give them time to do this
- Now look at top of chart – What do you see? 7 Commands
- Take first name on list, and ask if they are a believer? If yes, then put an X ... and so on
- Leave empty if they have not done this or you don't know
- Take time for them to fill out all the info for all the names
- Making a disciple for this chart means, have they trained anyone in the 4 fields training?
- Make an action step for each believer
- How do we help our disciple take the next step? Specifics.
- Do we see any patterns in our chart to help also with next steps? I.E. do many need baptism? Lords table? And so on.