

## **GSE - New Church Start Reporting Process**

To report a new church start in our system, we need to see:

1. Ownership of plant/location;
2. Spiritual activity to begin.

1) What place or location are you engaging in order to start a new church:

\*Your name:

\*Place you are focusing your energy:

2) What spiritual activity(ies) are you doing in your place?

\*Name your spiritual activity(ies):

Date:

GSE Planter signature:

Regional Coordinator signature:

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To report a new church in our system, we need to see:

1. At least 3 families beyond the GS team;
2. Intentional adoption of the five functions of church

1) Please name the additional 3 families that are a part of your new church (in addition to the gathering and shepherding families):

1. Gathering Family:

2. Shepherding Family:

3.

4.

5.

2) Please give the date and describe the time when your new church committed to engage the 5 functions of church (worship/service/teaching/preaching gospel/community)?

Date:

Describe the time when your group of families engaged the 5 functions of church in order to formally become a church:

GSE Planter signature:

Regional Coordinator signature:

## **1. Worship – the simplest process of God becoming more clear to me (leitourgia family).**

\*There is one word used to be the center concept of this – leitourgia word family (proskunew and latreuw are other 2 words)

Def: Word has 2 focuses: 1. Worship as service viewed as a very high status or thing to do; 2. Personal involvement or even assignment to see accomplished; in summary this word is effectively showing “me in ministry” and this is worship of God – this word shows understanding of responsibility to God and generous concern for human beings – tying those together powerfully!

*\*Worship/service is important for us to engage:* -Philippians 2:14-30 – v. 17 and 30 have the word – the choice of this word to show the meaning hits the personal tie to it as it relates to working itself out in my world  
-Giving and sacrifice are common thoughts tied to this

*\*This form of worship stresses personal accountability to God:* Romans 15:15-16 – ministering to the Gentiles as a personal service of worship – what a treat!

*\*This worship intentionally places me most effectively at the intersection of serving God and hearing from God* – Acts 13:1-2; Romans 15:27 – The point is this – when I sacrifice and give of myself and my stuff to God, there is a real intersection of God becoming more clear to me.

## **2. Fellowship – the simple process of God’s people becoming closer - (koinonia)**

Def: Close mutual connection and sharing – both of material things as well as non material things. This concept is foundational in all discipleship and healing work of God –the role we play with each other.

\*1 John 1:1-10/1 Cor 1:9/2 Cor 13:14 (HS founded) – foundational on the matter – only available to born again people.

\*Acts 2:42/1 Cor 10:16 – foundational on the matter – deeper intimate connection in this – deep sharing and participating

\*Romans 15:26/ 2 Cor 8:4; 9:13/Galatians 2:9 - koinonia is something I do, not something I have done to me – in other words, it is active not passive – so, for example, I come to live this truth – it is not about how many people contact me or minister to me; but how many I can minister to and touch.

\*How can this be sustained? By maturing and growth – by understanding what Jesus wants and how He is our example – He put Himself out there to be hurt and crushed because he wanted to establish this for us! To make this possible for us!

\*Philemon 6 – powerful

## **3. Teaching:**

-didake:

-Definition: teaching/giving instruction in formal or informal way about God.

-Acts 2:42; 2 Tim 4:2; Titus 1:9;

-Verb: Mt 4:23; Matt 5:2 ff.; Colossians 1:28; 3:16;

-What not: 2 John 1:9-10

\*Concepts to consider about teaching:

- Biblical teaching I am to be focused and committed to – Acts 2:42
- teaching takes many forms – reproving; rebuking; exhorting is all teaching – 2 Tim 4:2
- It is instruction – Mt 5:2
- key to being complete in Jesus Christ – Colossians 1:28
- can teach yourself – Col 3:16

#### **4. Preaching:**

-kerugma:

-Definition: content of a sacred message; a herald's proclamation

-Romans 16:5; 1 Cor 1:21; 2:4; 2 Tim 4:17; Titus 1:3

\*Concepts to consider about preaching:

- God uses preaching to “establish” us in our faith – Romans 16:5; so key to personal growth
- proclamation that leads to salvation –but do not see pulpit in it –you preach too – 1 Cor 1:21 – big deal that you and I both preach the truth – we both use God's proclamation to get His job done!
- HS must be tied to the proclamation – 1 Cor 2:4
- In God's incredible wisdom, preaching is key to getting the job done, do not see only pulpit – 2 timothy 4:17
- it is kairotic – God has designed it that way – Titus 1:3

#### **5. Serving:**

-diakonia:

-Acts 1:17, 25; 6:1, 4; 12:25; 20:24;

-Romans 12:7; 2 Cor 9:1, 12, 13; Eph 4:12; 1 Tim 1:12; 2 Tim 4:5, 11

Definition: It is actively serving others in both formal and informal ways what I received from Jesus Christ – telling them about Jesus Christ and helping them grow in Jesus Christ; to facilitate an environment in which others can grow. It is:

\*Concepts to consider about serving:

- formal ministry, commissioned ministry: Acts 1:17 and 25; Acts 12:25;
- meeting real felt needs: Acts 6:4; including money – 2 Cor 9:1, 12, 13
- is life long pursuit – Acts 20:24; 1 Tim 1:12;
- can be gift based – 1 Cor 12:7
- it is skill or training based and is what we all have need to do – Eph 4:12