

Mistakes in Church Planting

Lesson 6 — Student Guide

Prepare for class: Read Romans 15:14-22

Lesson Goal

The goal of this lesson is to **discuss ways to avoid mistakes in church planting.**

Think

Evaluate

1. Who are the characters in this story?
2. What are the objects in this story?
3. Where did this story happen?
4. When did this story happen?
5. What is the problem?
6. What events occurred in this story?
7. Is the problem solved?

Learn

8. What is the main theme of this lesson?
9. What sin does this lesson teach us to confess?
10. Where do you see the love of God in this lesson?
11. What does God teach us to do in this lesson?

Lead

12. What would be a good situation in which to share this message?

Discussion

13. Observations of church planting movements today show us some mistakes that are being made. We will look at three of these in this lesson. It must be noted that the issues listed are NOT equal in importance to Scriptural principles. At the same time, it is good to discuss them as we continually ask ourselves, Is what we are doing the best use of our time and treasure in order to reach as many as possible with the Gospel?
 - A. What is Blurry Vision in regards to church planting?

- B. What does it mean to Attempt to Improve the Bible?
 - C. What could be meant by the term “The Devil’s Candy” in regards to foreign mission work?
14. Read Ephesians 3:8. What was the clear focus of Paul’s work?
 15. Read Galatians 5:1-2. What was the very small work which the Galatians were trying to add to the Gospel and why did Paul take that so seriously?
 16. Read Galatians 6:6. Although the term “The Devil’s Candy” makes it sound terrible, the Bible never says it is sinful for one church to support another one. Keeping in mind this passage, though, what might be at the root of the problem of receiving foreign funds to pay for a local pastor?

Lesson wrap-up

How might we avoid making these church planting mistakes?