

A VISION FOR CHURCH PLANTING AT CORAL HILL



Thinking biblically and preparing practically to glorify God by starting churches

Week 1	Why should we start new churches?	A biblical basis
Week 2	What kind of churches should we start?	A doctrinal foundation
Week 3	How should we go about starting them?	A missiological vision

Recap from Week 2

What do you have to have in order to have a church?

...you can't have a church without:

- believers
- leaders
- a place to gather
- God's Word (Christ is the Incarnate Word and the Scriptures are the Inspired Word)
- a purpose (contained in the Word - Matthew 28)

What are the things that all faithful churches do?

...you can't be a faithful church unless you:

- gather consistently to worship God together (this will involve consistently sharing the Lord's supper)
- preach God's Word and pray together
- obey God's Word by...
 - evangelizing and baptizing new believers (*Sharing Christ*)
 - making disciples (*Strengthening Believers*)
 - giving/sharing in order to meet needs (*Serving People*)
 - sending missionaries (*Starting Churches*)

Some of Coral Hill's direct connections to church planting efforts locally, nationally and globally over the past three decades:

Vanguard (Colorado); Jimmy (IMB - Africa); Jordan and Larissa (IMB - South America); Riverpoint (Munfordville); Community for Christ (Glasgow); RJ (IMB - Africa)

What is one way CHBC could go about starting a new church locally, sooner rather than later?

*A word about what the new church would not be:

- It would not be disconnected from Coral Hill
- It would not merely be a second location for Coral Hill (ie. video campus)
...in other words, not 'one church, multiple locations'

*A word about what the new church would be:

- It would be a new *church* (*See 'What do you have to have in order to have a church')
- It would be inter-dependent with Coral Hill and both churches would have the goal of fulfilling the Great Commission alongside one another, primarily through the means of starting even more new churches (*See Notes from Week 1)

SO...HOW? Remembering what you have to have in order to have a church:

Believers

We could send out some Small Groups from Coral Hill to make up the core of the new church (not just random families).

- ...community is already established
- ...hopefully church planting principles have already been modeled/experienced at the Small Group level (ie. multiplication)

One Example: 5 Small Groups = 50 people core (not counting kids/students)

Leaders

Coral Hill could provide a Pastor to be the lead Pastor/Elder (this could potentially be an existing Staff Pastor or a qualified Pastor/Elder in our congregation)

**contained in the 50 person core would be at least one additional elder and multiple deacons*

A place to Gather

Could be at a school to minimize costs

Some questions related to some of the things the new church would be doing...

What about **gathering**?

...Weekly on Sunday morning at a school

...Small Groups could gather weekly on Wednesday nights at Coral Hill

And what about babies/kids/students at those times?

...Nursery (0-2yrs) and Children's Church (3yrs-K) could be provided on Sunday mornings

...On Wednesday nights, kids could be part of TeamKid at Coral Hill and students could be part of student worship while adults meet with their Small Groups

What about **preaching**?

This would be shared by the Pastors/Elders (*See Leaders above)

What about **baptizing**?

This could be done at Coral Hill or anywhere we can gather to dunk and celebrate

What about **giving/sharing** in order to meet needs?

In the beginning and during the early stages (and even adolescent stages) of the life of the new church, the budget of the new church could be a sub-set of Coral Hill's budget. The overall budget would be met through the tithes/offerings of both congregations.

...it could remain this way *until* the new church is able to reproduce

No, really...how much?

Other than costs related to what the new church would need to weekly gather at a school, there would be no 'extra' expenses other than the potential Personnel cost of (temporarily) supporting ('sending') a bi-vocational or full-time Lead Pastor/Elder. The ministry and mission expenses of the new church could be sustained through its tithes and offerings. Operational items such as office space, media/tech support, printing, etc. could be shared during the week at Coral Hill.

OTHER NOTES:

- So is there timeline?
- Why a local church's vision for church planting must include not just starting new churches locally, but doing so beyond our immediate reach as well (Judea, Samaria, ends of the Earth)...