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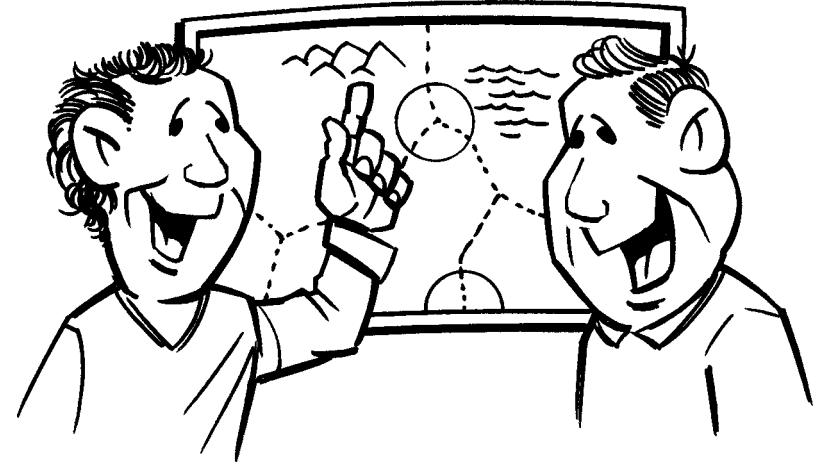
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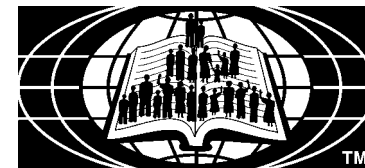
# **Let's Plant Daughter Churches**



**Pastoral Leader Training Booklet**

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## **Train & Multiply™**



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Ask the Lord to use this study so that your church will reproduce according to His will.



Every Church normally should plant daughter churches. If there is nowhere nearby that has not been evangelized, then send missionaries to another region or country.

- When will you start work there?

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- Awaken your church's interest: give monthly reports of its progress, and pray for it without ceasing.

Notes:

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- In which areas will you plant churches? (You can make a large map on the wall, and mark on it the key places where you plan to start work.)

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- Where will you start your first daughter church?

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- Who will help you? (They can sign their names on the map beside the place where they will evangelize.)

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Below are activities to help start a daughter church. Please read Acts 10 and Acts 11:1-18 now, which form the basis for these activities.

## **SEE THE FIELDS AS GOD SEES THEM AND GO FIRST WHERE YOU HAVE GOOD CONTACTS**

A team of seven believers (six from the church at Joppa, with the Apostle Peter from Jerusalem), went to Caesarea and planted a daughter church. (Acts 10) It was a granddaughter of the Jerusalem church. This project began through the prayers of both Peter and Cornelius. God had prepared this contact between Peter and Cornelius who was an Italian.

We go first to an unevangelized area, where God has prepared contacts (people to whom, through friendship or family connections, we can speak confidently). If they repent and believe, we baptize them. If, in that area, they do not respond to the Gospel, we look for another region. (Matthew 10:14)



In the following passage, underline what God commanded Cornelius to do:

*“At Caesarea there was a man named Cornelius, a centurion in what was known as the Italian Regiment. He and all his family were devout and God-fearing; he gave generously to those in need and prayed to God regularly. One day, at about three in the afternoon, he had a vision. He distinctly saw an angel of God, who came to him and said ‘Cornelius!’ Cornelius stared at him in fear. ‘What is it, Lord?’ he asked. The angel answered, ‘Your prayers and gifts to the poor have come up as a remembrance before God. Now send men to Joppa to bring back a man named Simon who is called Peter. He is staying with Simon the tanner, whose house is by the sea.’”*

## PRACTICAL WORK

- Help your church plant daughter churches.
- Plan now, with prayer.
- What neighborhoods or towns near you lack churches? Which social or ethnic groups in the region have not yet heard the Gospel?

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- What contacts do you have in those sectors or groups?

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12. In Acts chapter 11 Peter received criticism for working the way he did with Gentiles. It seems that Satan almost always counterattacks when churches start to multiply and spread into his territory. So be prepared! How do you plan to resist Satan when he attacks church planters?

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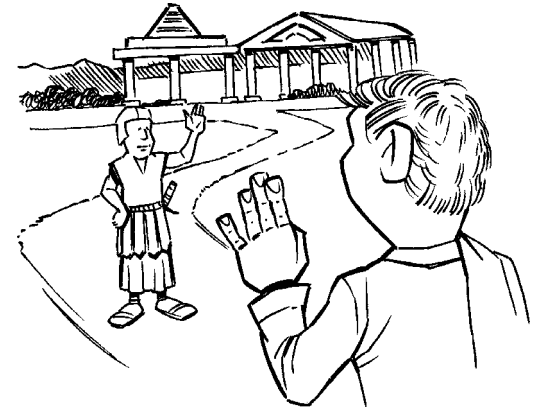
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13. Peter and his coworkers remained a few days to prepare the new Christians in Caesarea. The apostle Paul was also careful to instruct new believers and especially to prepare the local leaders in the new churches. What are the plans to prepare new leaders in churches you help plant?

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*“When the angel who spoke to him had gone, Cornelius called two of his servants and one of his soldiers who was a devout man. He told them everything that had happened and sent them to Joppa.”* (Acts 10:1-8)

The centurion Cornelius was a God-fearing man, and obedient. But he did not know Jesus.

Who was he to bring from Joppa?

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We should be open to God’s will for us, even when it is different from the “normal” in our experience.

God responded to Cornelius because he was a man of:

- ☐ military skill.
- ☐ prayer.

Peter, too, was praying when God changed his attitude. From childhood, he had been taught that it was wrong for him, as a Jew, to meet with Gentiles (non-Jews). He would not have gone to Caesarea, if God had not taken this prejudice from him.  
(Acts 10:28-29)



10. Peter had started to teach them all about Jesus, when something happened to convince Peter and his Jewish companions that Gentiles (non-Jews) had truly been born again. What was it? (Acts 10:44-46)
  - ☐ Cornelius, his family and friends received the Holy Spirit and praised God in tongues.
  - ☐ They sent Cornelius to a seminary in Jerusalem to study theology under Gamaliel.
11. They received the same gift, and praised the Lord spontaneously. (Acts 2:4, Acts 10:44-46, Acts 11:17) They met to worship the Lord. Then, what was the Apostles' usual way of mobilizing new believers? (1 Corinthians 12:4-11)
  - ☐ Encourage them to exercise their ministries, according to their spiritual gifts.
  - ☐ Sending them all out to practice one gift.



8. They did not have to wait or “shake the dust off their feet” and leave, because they saw evidence of the Holy Spirit; they were able to baptize and receive the new believers into God’s family (Acts 10:47-48):

- ☐ immediately.
- ☐ after several weeks of doctrine and confirmation.

9. The Apostles baptized the new believers without needless delay, thus beginning immediately to teach them to obey Christ. In Acts 2:38-47, we see what the Apostles did with the new believers:

- ☐ They only taught them doctrine, without insisting that they obey the Lord.
- ☐ Right from the start, they taught them to obey all Jesus’ commands, together with teaching about repentance, baptism, loving, breaking bread together, praying and studying the Scriptures, giving, persevering in the doctrine, and evangelizing.



In the following text, underline:

- 1) what the voice from heaven ordered Peter to do,
- 2) Peter’s protests,
- 3) the answer to Peter’s protests.

*“About noon the following day, as they were approaching the city, Peter went up on the roof to pray. He became hungry and wanted something to eat, and while the meal was being prepared, he fell into a trance. He saw heaven opened and something like a large sheet being let down to earth by its four corners. It contained all kinds of four-footed animals, as well as reptiles of the earth and birds of the air. Then a voice told him ‘Get up, Peter. Kill and eat.’*

*‘Surely not, Lord!’ Peter replied. ‘I have never eaten anything impure or unclean.’ The voice spoke to him a second time, ‘Do not call anything impure that God has made clean.’ This happened three times, and immediately the sheet was taken back to heaven.”*

(Acts 10:9-16)

What did God do to change Peter's mind about Gentiles?

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God helps us to overcome prejudices, traditions or customs that prevent us from sympathizing with people of a different culture. People who worry about money or want all efforts to go into building up only their church often complain when we propose to plant a daughter church, or send missionaries abroad. So we teach our congregation about "unevangelized fields," where the good news of Jesus Christ has not yet been heard:



In which unevangelized area do you have contacts?

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5. Knowing that Cornelius and his family were God-fearing and pious, what did the believers do, to get in contact with a receptive head of a family? (Acts 10:24)
  - ☐ They invited Cornelius to join in a public campaign.
  - ☐ They went to the home of God-fearing Cornelius, who invited only those he trusted.
6. Joined by Cornelius' relatives and close friends, what did they do to explain the Gospel? (Acts 10:34-43)
  - ☐ Peter started classes from the book of Jeremiah.
  - ☐ Peter told of the death and resurrection of Jesus, and of forgiveness for those who believe in Him.
7. When Peter had explained the value of Jesus' death and resurrection, he and his companions knew they could go on further with those who heard, because they saw and heard proof that they had believed.
  - ☐ They saw that the group in Caesarea praised God in the Spirit.
  - ☐ They waited several months to see if the new believers would persevere.



## SUMMARY TEST

1. How did Peter seek God's guidance?  
☐ By praying.  
☐ By arguing with John.
  
2. After being convinced by a vision seen while he prayed, how did Peter form his team? (Acts 10:23)  
☐ He sent a letter begging for help from Joppa to his mother church in Jerusalem.  
☐ Some new believers from Joppa accompanied him.
  
3. What did Peter and the others from Joppa do, to adapt to the local people? (Acts 10:28-29)  
☐ They abandoned their prejudices.  
☐ They enforced ritual laws on the new believers.
  
4. Even before his journey, what had Peter done, that established Christ's victory in his ministry in Caesarea?  
☐ He had prayed.  
☐ He had received money from Jerusalem for the project.

## ASK OTHERS FROM YOUR CHURCH TO HELP

Peter went off with six believers to evangelize in Caesarea.  
(Acts 10:23, Acts 11:12)

Neither Jesus Christ nor his Apostles went out alone to evangelize. Choose one person to lead the team. That person should love the people of the area, take responsibility for the work and have time for it.

## ADAPT TO THE LOCAL PEOPLE

Read Acts 10:17-22 again. Who arrived where Peter was, while he was wondering about this disturbing vision?

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*"Then Peter invited the men into the house to be his guests. The next day Peter started out with them, and some of the brothers from Joppa went along."*

(Acts 10:23)

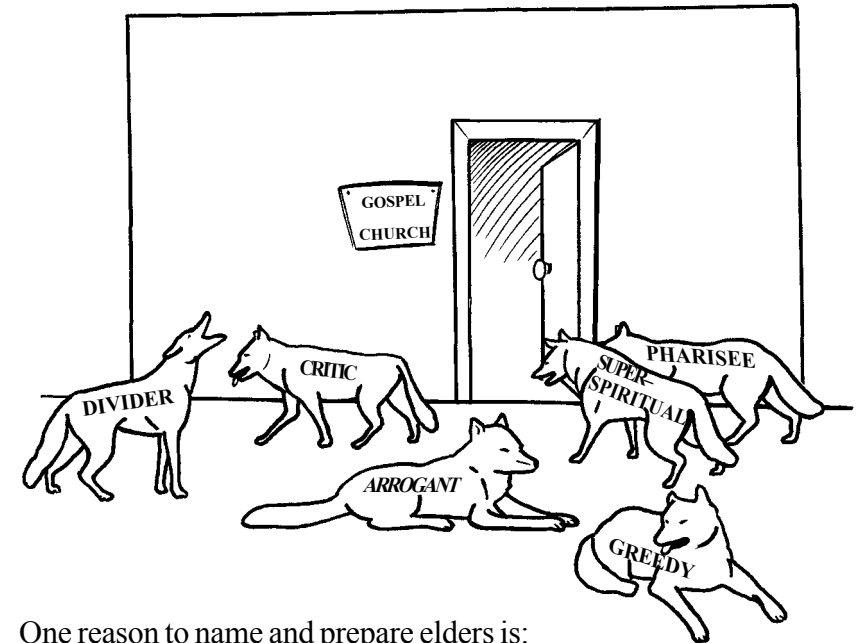


Peter obeyed and went to Caesarea with the team. When God calls you elsewhere, will you forget your prejudices against other races or cultures and obey the Great Commission?

- ☐ Yes.
- ☐ No.

Why? \_\_\_\_\_

God prepared Peter to adapt to people elsewhere with a different culture. We, too, prepare ourselves to adapt to the customs of another culture or social group, so we can communicate to the people with understanding, being careful not to offend them unnecessarily.



One reason to name and prepare elders is:

- to make a constitution.
- to protect the flock from wolves.

Check your answer with Acts 20:28-31.

May God receive glory through your church, as it plants many daughter churches!

How to plant new churches is explained in more detail in the Patoral Training Booklet number 37 "Church Planter's Guide".

What was it that they criticized about Peter?

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Peter informed the Jewish believers in Jerusalem that what happened in Caesarea was from God.

*“So, if God gave them the same gift He gave us, who believed in the Lord Jesus Christ, who was I to think that I could oppose God? When they heard this, they had no further objections and praised God, saying, ‘So then, God has even granted the Gentiles repentance unto life.’” (Acts 11:17-18)*

For a new church, elders (responsible adults) must be named and trained, to co-ordinate the work. This is what Paul did, and ordered, with each new congregation: (Acts 14:23, Titus 1:5) Compare Acts 11:30, Acts 15:2, 1 Timothy 5:19, James 5:14, 1 Peter 5:1-4. To train new elders, invite them to study “Train & Multiply”.

The elders care for the flock, to protect it from “wolves” (Acts 20:17, Acts 28-31). “Wolves” attack the new church, distort truth, try to carry off members, and divide the work.

## FIND RESPECTED PEOPLE LIKE CORNELIUS WHO SEEK GOD

Peter did not look for a crowd to preach to, nor did he advise everyone that there would be a public campaign.

*“The following day he arrived in Caesarea. Cornelius was expecting them and had called together his relatives and close friends.”*

(Acts 10:24)



Whom did Cornelius call together? \_\_\_\_\_

Only Cornelius’ relatives and close friends gathered. If mainly curious strangers had arrived, the atmosphere of love and confidence would have been lost. When evangelizing people whom God has prepared, the work advances fast!

Let us begin evangelizing our contacts, first. We do not attempt to win over those of another congregation; the Lord forbids stealing sheep. (Romans 15:20, 2 Corinthians 10:14-16)

If we go to heads of families first, this will not happen:



In new fields, we begin new work among men and their families.



## RESIST SATAN'S COUNTER-ATTACK

The devil always attacks a new church. He discourages the new believers with criticism and doubts. Paul warned: *"We must go through many hardships to enter the kingdom of God."*

(Acts 14:22)

In the case of the new church in Cesarea, legalistic Jews criticized what Peter did.



*"So when Peter went up to Jerusalem, the circumcised believers criticized him, and said, 'You went into the house of uncircumcised men and ate with them.'"*

(Acts 11:2-3)

To organize for the different ministries we need most:

- ☐ a popular leader.
- ☐ love.

The basis for this co-ordination of the body is love between the members. Jesus commands us: *“A new commandment I give you; love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another.”*

(John 13:34)

Love builds up, helps, forgives and glorifies Christ. Without love we soon find criticisms, jealousy, empty words, and envy.

Through love, we help all the new members to get involved in some work for the Lord, especially in evangelizing their own families.



## RELATE THE GOSPEL WITH CLARITY

We proclaim the Gospel of Christ, explaining how He died and rose again for us, about the forgiveness of sins and the gift of the Holy Spirit. (Luke 24:45-48, Acts 2:38, 1 Corinthians 15:1-5)

Peter did not draw attention to himself in his preaching, but rather, glorified Christ.

*“As Peter entered the house, Cornelius met him and fell at his feet in reverence. But Peter made him get up. ‘Stand up,’ he said, ‘I am only a man myself.’”*

(Acts 10:25-26)

Read Acts 10:34-43. To what did Peter testify in Cornelius’ house?

- ☐ The great change in his life.
- ☐ Christ’s victory.

The Apostles always announced the resurrection and the forgiveness of sins, when they witnessed.

According to what Peter told them,  
who is Jesus? (verse 36)



What two things does Jesus do, through  
God's power? (verse 37-38)

What was done to Him? (verse 39)

What did God do with Him? (verse 40)

## ORGANIZE THE NEW CHURCH TO WORK TOGETHER IN LOVE

The church is the Body of Christ. All work together in love. The members fulfill different ministries according to their different gifts, cooperating in harmony, and helping each other. (Ephesians 4:11-16)

This love and sacrifice is harmonized by good “organization.”

The different parts of the body work together. Each church member is like a part of the body (like an eye, ear, foot, liver, etc., in the human body).

In a well-organized church, how is the work done?

- ☐ All carry out the same ministries.
- ☐ All work at their own ministry.
- ☐ Only a few do the important ministries.

In the body, each member has his own gift for the good of the whole body. We do not all have the same gift or the same ministry (1 Corinthians 12:4-12), but all are coordinated in the church's life and work.

# START THE KIND OF CHURCH ACTIVITIES AND SERVICES THAT THE NEW LEADERS WILL BE ABLE TO CARRY ON

Especially in newly evangelized areas, the first meetings are very simple, so that the local members can soon lead them. There are no experienced pastors, in areas completely new to the Gospel.

Sharing in the Lord's Supper, as soon as possible, helps the new church to take worship seriously and provides them with the benefits of communion.



Did the Apostolic church do this frequently, in the early days?  
(See Acts 2:41-42, Acts 20:7)

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What do those who believe in Him receive? (verse 43)

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Like Peter, we witness to the three aspects the Lord explained in Luke 24:47-48:

- who Jesus is,
- His crucifixion and resurrection for us,
- the forgiveness of sins.

The Apostles always taught these three aspects of salvation when they evangelized. In the Acts of the Apostles, when they announced the Gospel, they always spoke of:

- ☐ the Person of Christ.
- ☐ His crucifixion and resurrection.
- ☐ the forgiveness of sins.
- ☐ all three of these aspects.

The following examples show that the apostles consistently announced these same three aspects of the Gospel:

- Peter with the three thousand on the day of Pentecost (Acts 2:14-39),
- Peter in Solomon's porch (Acts 3:11-26),
- Peter and John before the Jewish council; the Sanhedrin (Acts 4:8-12),
- Stephen did not complete his message; he was killed (Acts 7),
- Peter at Cornelius' house (Acts 10:34-43),
- Paul in Antioch in Pisidia (Acts 13:16-41),
- Paul in Athens; his message was cut short by mockery (Acts 17:16-34),
- Paul before the Jews; cut short, by shouting (Acts 22:1-21),
- Paul before Agrippa (Acts 26:1-29).

The Apostles confirmed the converts' salvation by:

- ☐ a certificate.
- ☐ baptism.

When converts repent we should baptize them. This is how we assure him of forgiveness and our love. (Follow your church's doctrine and practice about baptism.) Baptism is the new believer's first step; it confirms his faith and his turning from sin. (Acts 2:38, Acts 8:36-38, Acts 22:16)

Repentance does not mean only leaving more obvious sins. Sincere repentance is a permanent change of heart, which is shown by obedience to the Lord's commands. We quickly teach the new, repentant, baptized believers to share in the Lord's Supper, to pray and study the Word of God, to give, evangelize, and above all, to love.

Will you teach this obedience, right from the start? (Acts 2:37-47)

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*“So he ordered that they be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ. Then they asked Peter to stay with them for a few days.”*

They stayed some days with the newly baptized believers, to encourage and instruct them. It is not right to abandon the newly born.

The Apostles immediately asked those who wished to accept Christ as Lord and Savior, to do three things:

- 1) to repent of their sins (Acts 2:38),
- 2) to confess their faith in Jesus Christ (Romans 10:9),
- 3) to confirm their faith and repentance in baptism (Acts 2:41).

They always witnessed to these three fundamental aspects. What are they?

1. Who J\_\_\_\_\_ is.
2. His death and r\_\_\_\_\_.
3. The f\_\_\_\_\_ of sins.

Every church should proclaim these truths daily.

To evangelize is not something “special” for enormous campaigns. Teach the new believers of the daughter church, too, to witness to their relatives and friends.

*“When I came to you, brothers, I did not come with eloquence or superior wisdom as I proclaimed to you the testimony about God. For I resolved to know nothing while I was with you except Jesus Christ and him crucified.”*

(1 Corinthians 2:1-2)

## CONFIRM THE CONVERSION OF THOSE WHO RESPOND

I had a service at my uncle's house. I preached earnestly, but nobody accepted the Lord.



Your job isn't to preach a long sermon. It is to explain the Gospel to your family.



Those who heard the message in Cornelius' house were converted:

*"While Peter was still speaking these words, the Holy Spirit came on all who heard the message. The circumcised believers who had come with Peter were astonished that the gift of the Holy Spirit had been poured out even on the Gentiles. For they heard them speaking in tongues and praising God."*

(Acts 10:44-46)



When did Cornelius' group receive the Holy Spirit?

- ☐ When they first believed the Gospel.
- ☐ After several months of instruction.

The Holy Spirit seals new believers without requiring any long delay.  
(See also Ephesians 1:13, Acts 2:38, Colossians 2:11-12, Romans 8:11)

The Apostles did not delay baptism: *"Then Peter said, 'Can anyone keep these people from being baptized with water? They have received the Holy Spirit just as we have.'"*

(Acts 10:47)