

## “Plant Churches”

**Use this guide as a tool to help you prepare to experience spiritual transformation in a practical way. It is a flexible guide that will help you discover, own, and apply the truths of God’s Word.**

### Message Summary

The G.O.S.P.E.L. Plan is how New Day Church responds to the Gospel message in everyday life. As we gather to express our faith in worship and confess our hope in community, we will scatter to demonstrate love to the world. The G.O.S.P.E.L. Plan is how we will “show & share” the Gospel in the world throughout everyday life and on mission to the ends of the earth.

This week we learned about P – Plant Churches. New Day Church desires to see churches planted in every community in every part of the world for the glory of God! We want to sow the seeds of the Gospel in the power of the Holy Spirit in uncultivated soil so that disciples of Jesus will be raised up, equipped, and sent to multiply themselves into churches around the world.

This is what happened in the church at Thessalonica. When Paul and his missionary team arrived in Thessalonica he began preaching in the synagogue and many Jews and Greeks came to faith in Jesus. This new gathering of disciples began to show and share the Gospel to everyone they knew and throughout the entire region of Macedonia and Achaia. They were an example to everyone that believed and faithfully lived out the Gospel before those who didn’t. This was a church with a heart for multiplication.

As you prepare to meet with your Missional Community examine your heart towards multiplication. Do you share a vision for churches in every community in Walton County? Are you united in purpose with other believers working out your faith, laboring to make disciples, and encouraging those who need hope in seemingly hopeless situations? Let’s raise up disciples who share in this heart of multiplication and set our minds on planting more churches!

### Message Outline

Questions to consider when planting churches:

1. What is a church?
  - A local expression of the universal body of Christ.
    - Community of faith.
    - Family of believers.
    - Servants of the Savior.
  - A self-identifying group of baptized Christ-followers united in purpose.
    - Practicing good works.
    - Making disciples.
    - Offering hope in suffering.
2. What’s necessary to plant a church?
  - Sowers.
  - Seed.
  - Soil.
  - Spirit.
3. How do you know when a church is planted?
  - The lives of the community reflect the teachings of Jesus.
    - They imitate the missionaries.
    - They imitate the Master.
  - The community is an example to other believers.
  - The community faithfully proclaims the Gospel everywhere.
  - The community has a good reputation among all.
    - Receives others.
    - Repenting repenters.
    - Remain steadfast.

Therefore,

1. Let’s envision churches multiplied into every community in Walton County.
2. Let’s sow the seed of the Gospel in the power of the Spirit in uncultivated soil.
3. Let’s raise up reproducing disciples who share a heart for multiplication.

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### **Group Discussion**

Use the following questions to help make application of God’s Word to your Head (What God wants me to know), to your Heart (What God wants me to desire/value), and to your Hands (What God wants me to do).

In regard to 1 Thessalonians 1:1-10:

1. What does this passage teach about God? (God’s Identity; Theology)
2. What does this passage teach about what God has done? (God’s Action; Christology)
3. What does this passage teach about man/me? (Old & New Creation Identity; Ecclesiology)
4. What does this passage teach about what I should do? (Reveals what I really believe about Questions 1-3; Missional Ecclesiology)
5. What does this passage teach about how I do it uniquely in my context? (personal action steps of obedience)

### **Weekly Prayer Focus**

- **Church:**

- Pray that all who have believed the Gospel will obey Jesus in believer’s baptism.
- Pray for new relationships that will lead to Gospel conversations.
- Pray for the elders as they lead us to accomplish the mission.
- Pray for the Missional Communities to impact their communities with the Gospel.
- Pray for Missional Communities to multiply into new neighborhoods.
- Pray for new DNA groups to start.

- **Local:**

- Pray that God would burden us with the lostness in our cities, neighborhoods, and at work.
- Pray that God will identify 5 people you can begin to invest in and engage with the Gospel.

- **Global:**

- Pray that God would give you a heart for the nations.
- Pray for the team working in SEA, the new believers, for those who have heard the Gospel, and the church planting movement among the unreached.
- Pray for Good Shepherd Ministries and Bill & Sandy Younger.
- Pray for Servants Hearts Ministries and Bob & Georgette Kornegay.
- Pray for Pastor Abraham and his church in Guatemala.