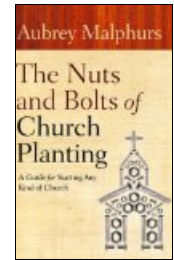


CHG 437 Church Planting, Health, and Growth

Purpose: The purpose of this course is to help students develop an understanding of church planting, church health, and church growth.

Recommended Textbooks: The first textbook for this course is *The Nuts and Bolts of Church Planting*. The author is Aubrey Malphurs. Paperback, 272 pages. ©2011, Baker Publishing Group. ISBN-13: 9780801072628.



The second textbook is *There Is Hope For Your Church*. The author is Gary L. McIntosh. Paperback, 224 pages. ©2012, Baker Publishing Group. ISBN-13: 9780801014062.

The third textbook is *Biblical Church Growth*. The author is Gary L. McIntosh. Paperback, 192 pages. ©2003, Baker Publishing Group. ISBN-13: 9780801091568.

Learning Outcomes: By the end of this study, students should be able to:

1. Articulate a biblical understanding of the importance of church planting in life of the Church.
2. Demonstrate an understanding of the process of new church starts
3. Understand the reasons for congregational decline and some of the processes for congregational revitalization.
4. Understand and explain some of the key factors related to church growth.

CHG 437.1 An Introduction to Church Planting

First Area of Study: What is Church Planting?

Second Area of Study: Who Plants Churches?

Third Area of Study: How Much Will It Cost?

Fourth Area of Study: What Are the Foundational Assumptions?

Fifth Area of Study: What Drives a New Church?

Sixth Area of Study: What Are New Churches Supposed to Do?

Seventh Area of Study: What Kind of Church Will It Be?

Eighth Area of Study: How Will You Accomplish the Mission?

Ninth Area of Study: Who Will be Reached

Tenth Area of Study: What is the Goal?

Eleventh Area of Study: Who Will Implement the Goal

Twelfth Area of Study: Who Will Equip the Implementers

Thirteenth Area of Study: Where Will the New Church Locate

Fourteenth Area of Study: What Will it Cost? Raising the Finances

CHG 437.2 Church Health and Revitalization

First Area of Study: See The Potential

Second Area of Study: Commit to Lead

Third Area of Study: Assess the Situation

Fourth Area of Study: Learn the Principles

Fifth Area of Study: Discern God's Vision

Sixth Area of Study: Build A Coalition

Seventh Area of Study: Lift the Morale

Eighth Area of Study: Make Hard Decisions

Ninth Area of Study: Refocus the Ministry

Tenth Area of Study: Equip for Change

Eleventh Area of Study: Deal With Resistance

Twelfth Area of Study: Stay the Course
Thirteenth Area of Study: Breaking Through

CHG 437.3 Biblical Church Growth

First Area of Study: Searching for Faithfulness
Second Area of Study: The Life-Giving Church
Third Area of Study: The Right Premise: God's Word
Fourth Area of Study: The Right Priority: Glorifying God
Fifth Area of Study: The Right Process: Discipleship
Sixth Area of Study: The Right Power: The Holy Spirit
Seventh Area of Study: The Right Pastor: A Faithful Shepherd
Eighth Area of Study: The Right People: Effective Ministers
Ninth Area of Study: The Right Philosophy: Cultural Relevance
Tenth Area of Study: The Right Plan: Target Focused
Eleventh Area of Study: The Right Procedure: Simple Structure
Twelfth Area of Study: Mix it Right

Academic Credit: Academic credit is earned for this course by passing the Church Planting, Health, and Growth Examination. The exam has three parts which correspond to the sections listed above. the course syllabus for details.