

QUESTIONS FOR CURRENT OR PAST CHURCH PLANTERS

1. Did you have a unique ‘call’ from the Lord to plant the church (like a supernatural experience)? If you did, how would you describe it?
2. How would you discern where to church plant?
3. What are the core values of your church and how did you go about defining it?
4. Do you have a defined mission statement, what is it and how often do you refer to it?
5. What was the size of your initial core team when you first started the church planting process?
6. How was your initial core team formed and what are the giftings of your initial core team members?
7. Thinking back, in which areas of the church were your team weak at in terms of skills and giftings, and how were the gaps filled?
8. Did you (and your spouse) go through some form of church planter assessment process, who was it with and did you find that helpful?
9. Did you have some form of leadership training (like a process) for your core team and what are some of the key topics covered?
10. Did you have to deal with a lot of conflicts during the church planting process? How did you approach it?
11. Church Boards – do you have one, how were they set up and in your personal view are they fit for purpose?
12. What are top 3 challenges you faced as a church planter?
13. What has been the most rewarding experience you’ve had as a church planter so far?
14. Has the church planting affected your marriage in any ways and how?
15. How do you stay healthy as a family given the challenges you face as a church planter?
16. How is your church plant financed and what are some of the key challenges you face?
17. Initially, what percentage of your finance were spent on staffing (including your own salary) and facilities?
18. Do you have a church discipline process in place and has there been a need to use it?

19. How do you go about involving and empowering lay leaders to serve in the church's ministries?
20. How would you measure the 'success' of your church plant?
21. Do you have a disciple making process, what does that look like and how is that working out?
22. Do you have a personal development plan that spells out areas you need to grow in as a leader and the actions you need to take? How about for your staff / core team?
23. Do you have mentors/coaches? Can you tell us a bit more on how that works?
24. Would you plant a church again and why?