

Midweek Bible Study

The Great Commission and Church Planting Missions Night 2020

Introduction

A Biblical Theology of Church Planting

1. The promise of the Savior
Matt. 16:13-20

2. The commission of the Savior
Matt. 28:19-20
Luke 24:46-48; John 20:21; Acts 1:8

3. The Apostolic Pattern
The Apostolic church obey the Great Commission by planting churches
The Acts of the Ascended Christ through His Holy Spirit (1:1-2)
Acts 2:36-340//41-42; 6:7; 8:1 – Jerusalem
Acts 12:19-21, 25-26; 13:1-3 - Antioch
Acts 14:21-23

Defining Church Planting

How Church Planting fulfills the Great Commission

OR the evangelism/missions benefit of planting churches

- 1) Note that church planting is comprised of all the elements of the Great Commission

- 2) What are the GC/evangelistic benefits
 - a) Another Gospel-preaching church is established
 - b) New churches have new opportunities to reach people
 - c) New churches often have a better opportunity to reach unchurched people!
 - d) New churches often have a zeal and enthusiasm for the church, for evangelism.
 - e) New churches can be a catalyst for established churches to re-engage.



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Should we plant churches in America?

The needs -

- 1) America is post-Christian
- 2) America is becoming increasingly pagan
- 3) The church in America is doctrinally weak and inward

We need church plants in America that are...

- 1) Are doing the Great Commission
- 2) But also teaching sound doctrine and building up believers
1 Tim. 3:15
*We need confessional churches which are preaching the whole counsel of God.

Why?

- 1) Strong churches in America should mean stronger, more mature believers
- 2) Strong churches in America means stronger foreign missions

Should we plant a church in Reno-Sparks?

Conclusion

When we think about missions, we need to think about church planting. Fulfilling the Great Commission requires that we plant biblical churches

