



Introduction: September 6th

Section 1: Strategy Development

Session 1 – September 13th – How to use and understand demographics/How to build a bridge to the community

Book/Curriculum-J.D. Payne-Discovering Church Planting

Assignment-Read Chapter 12: Contextualization and Church Planting

Session 2 – September 20th – Mission/Vision/Core Values – Developing a Prospectus

Book/Curriculum-In class handouts

Assignment-Obtain a copy of your church's Mission, Vision, and Core Values

Session 3 — September 27th – How to establish an Evangelism/Discipleship Strategy/New Members Class

Book/Curriculum-In class handouts

Assignment-

Session 4 — October 4th – How to engage and start a conversation with a lost person/How to share Christ with a non-believer

Book/Curriculum-Conversations

Assignment-Read the week before

Session 5 — October 11th – How to pray with someone to receive Christ/Follow-up with a new believer

Book/Curriculum-I-Witness

Assignment-Read the week before

Session 6 — October 18th – How to Develop a Matrix for Spiritual Growth/How do I know I am growing spiritually?

Book/Curriculum-In class handouts

Assignment-

Section 2: Church Administration/Leadership Development

Session 1 — October 25th – Developing Church Governance and Leadership Structure

Book/Curriculum-In class handouts

Assignment-

Session 2 — November 1st – How to build strong staff relationships and teams/How to maintain ongoing non-negotiable training and sharpening

Book/Curriculum- J.D. Payne: Discovering Church Planting -
Ed Stetzer: Planting Missional Churches

Assignment-Read Chapter 8: Leadership Development and Church Planting – Read Chapter 8: Involving Lay Leaders
How to identify, invest in, and empower new leaders/How to manage and celebrate church staff and volunteers

Session 3 — November 8th – How to develop a church budget/Financial planning and spending/Monthly reports/Conduct and lead business meetings

Book/Curriculum-In class handouts

Assignments-

Session 4 — November 29th – How to manage conflict and resolution

Book/Curriculum- Austin B. Tucker: A Primer for Pastors

Assignment-Read Chapter 7: Conflict Management

Session 5 — December 6th – Coaching and Mentoring 101

Book/Curriculum-Logan and Carlton: Coaching 101

John Maxwell: Mentoring 101

Assignment-Read both books

Session 6 -- December 13th – Setting Realistic Goals/Long range planning and management

Book/Curriculum-David Allen: Getting Things Done

Assignment-Read Chapters 11-13

Section 3: Worship Experiences

Session 1 — January 3rd – How to keep “Big Picture Thinking”/How to keep focus by remembering:

- Everything speaks
- Every Sunday is someone’s first Sunday
- Excellence must be the standard

How to handle church funds and requests for donations (Tithes and offerings)

Book/Curriculum-In class handouts

Assignment-

Session 2 — January 10th – Understanding Worship/How to develop an order of service/How to keep music and sermon in harmony

Book/Curriculum-In class handouts

Assignment-

Session 3 — January 17th – Hermeneutics/How to examine the Biblical text

Book/Curriculum-Austin B. Tucker: A Primer for Pastors/

Carter-Duvall-Hays: Preaching God’s Word

Assignment-Read A Primer for Pastors Chapter 4

Read Preaching God’s Word Chapters 1-2,6

Session 4 — January 24th – How to preach with strategic application/Delivering a sermon with a point

Book/Curriculum-Carter/Duvall/Hays: Preaching God’s Word

Assignment-Read Chapter 6-Applying the Message

Session 5 — January 31st – How to preach to lead your church to vision development

Book/Curriculum-

Assignment-

Session 6 — February 7th – How to preach funerals, weddings, the ordinances (Baptism and the Lord’s Supper)

Book/Curriculum-Austin B. Tucker: A Primer for Pastors

Assignment-Read Chapters 8 and 13

Section 4: Pastoral Care Competencies

Session 1 – February 14th – How to manage a preaching schedule and study time (Time management) and plan for Sunday each week (Preaching calendar)

Book/Curriculum-in class handouts

Assignment-

Session 2 — February 21st – Self-aware as a leader/Minister with a servant’s heart (Identity)/How to maintain a powerful prayer life in leadership (Soul Care)

Book/Curriculum-Austin B. Tucker: A Primer for Pastors

Assignment-Read Chapter 6: Pastoral Leadership and Chapter 15: A Pastor’s Personal Life

Session 3 — February 28th – How to counsel for death and dying/Hospital Visitation – Introduction: Power, Love, and Miracles

Book/Curriculum-Austin B. Tucker: A Primer for Pastors

Assignment-Read Chapter 3

Session 4 — March 7th – Pastoral Counseling/Knowing when to refer to a professional counselor/How to respect confidentiality/How to recognize child abuse

Book/Curriculum-Austin B. Tucker: A Primer for Pastors

Assignment-Read Chapter 3: Pastoral Care and Counseling

Session 5 — March 21st – Planter/Pastor Wives

Book/Curriculum-In class handouts

Assignment-

Session 6 — March 28th – Texas Baptists – Who are we?

Book/Curriculum-In class handouts

Assignment-

Section 5: Core Group Development and Church Launch

Session 1 — April 4th – How to build a “core group”/Essential Team Leaders

Book/Curriculum-Ed Stetzer: Planting Missional Churches

Assignment-Read Chapters 11 and 16

Session 2 — April 11th – Social Media and Website Building

Book/Curriculum-

Assignment-

Session 3 — April 18th – Ministry Safe Awareness

Book/Curriculum-
Assignment-

Session 4 — April 25th – How to develop Church Constitution and Bylaws/Policy and Procedures manual

Book/Curriculum-Ed Stetzer: Planting Missional Churches
Assignment-Read Chapter 14: Congregational Formation

Session 5 — May 2nd – How to understand church tax laws and requirements/Opening a bank account

Book/Curriculum-Ed Stetzer: Planting Missional Churches
Assignment-Read Chapter 18: Finding and Handling Finances

Session 6 — May 9th – Finding Ministry Space/Managing after launch expectations

Book/Curriculum-Ed Stetzer: Planting Missional Churches
Assignment-Read Chapter

Graduation: May 22nd