

## Read Passage- Acts 2:42-47

We need every church member to be a part of the team!

A church planting team needs to have a love for the \_\_\_\_\_. This includes the global church and the local church. *This love is driven by a love of \_\_\_\_\_ and a love for His \_\_\_\_\_.*

Markers of genuine love for the church:

- Affection, Compassion, Tenderness toward people within the local church. Do we \_\_\_\_\_ the worst in others?
- Celebrate & cheer for what's happening within the local church and the global church. This is contagious!
- A love for the \_\_\_\_\_!
- Using your time, talent, and treasure for the church and the nations.
  - Engaged in serving, volunteering, and leading in ministry
  - Leveraging your life
  - Giving generously
  - Sharing the Gospel and making disciples
  - Engaging globally and praying for missionaries
- Actively \_\_\_\_\_ on a regular basis

### Evaluate Yourself:

How many of the markers of a genuine love for the church do I exhibit? What areas do I need to grow?

How am I spending my time?

How am I using the talent, gifts, and abilities the Lord has given to me?

How am I investing my resources that demonstrates a love for the body of Christ and the peoples of the earth?

Am I praying regularly and guarding against spiritual warfare?

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## Realities of Church Planting:

It's more \_\_\_\_\_ than church member - do not expect this to look like an established church with all programs in place.

It's more \_\_\_\_\_ than programs and strategies - building personal bridges is primary outreach. Relationships among church members and outreach to unbelievers is vital!

It's more \_\_\_\_\_ than clock - church planting is a long-game measured in months and years.

It's more \_\_\_\_\_ than babysitting - deep financial and emotional investment in the community.

It's more about your \_\_\_\_\_ with Jesus than your work for Jesus - character precedes effectiveness.

## What can you expect in a church plant?

*Spiritual warfare, sleepless nights, fundraising struggles are par for the course.*

It's going to be difficult.

You're signing up to be a \_\_\_\_\_; serving for Jesus without much credit or glory.

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The \_\_\_\_\_ of a plant is one of the key indicators of the health of the church.

The church planting team is a part of being culture makers (not just the lead planter).

*The vibe, ethos, the way the church operates together is huge.*

*You are helping to set the culture of this church for years to come.*

## 1 Thessalonians 2:8

*We loved you so much that we wanted to share with you not only the Gospel of God but our whole lives as well.*

The mission is to be \_\_\_\_\_ everything with each other.

Church planting is missions and not building a church or a service.

It's living our lives on mission and not just for ourselves.

*Not just adding church to your life. It's living for something bigger than yourself.*

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The church is \_\_\_\_\_ on mission and the health of that community dictates the impact on its mission.

*This is why the enemy works so hard to create factions inside the body of Christ.*

Your part of the church planting team is to fight for \_\_\_\_\_.

You are on the church planting team - you are on every team.

- Take it upon yourself to sign-up for a need you see.
- Be an encourager - go encourage others!

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Own the ministry - when you see a need, step in and meet that need.

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God sets up and brings people into the church for a particular reason and with particular gifts.

Practical gifts are needed within the church. What are you good at and how can you use that to help the church?

Hospitality - a posture of welcome, humility, service, and sharing sacrificially - welcoming people in.

People that love people is a must.

What are your spiritual gifts and are you using them within the church?

The cost and the calling is high!

Live for something that is bigger than you! And what is better than the kingdom of God!

You will never experience something like this again.

The joy is in the journey.

The safest place to be is in the center of God's \_\_\_\_\_.

Whatever you are good at do it well for the \_\_\_\_\_ of God.

Leverage your life for the Kingdom of God and you will have no \_\_\_\_\_.