

Recommended Resources

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Season 1 – Preparing

Church Planting – General

- *Planting Missional Churches* by Ed Stetzer
- *Planting New Churches in a Postmodern Age* by Ed Stetzer
- *Planting Growing Churches for the 21st Century* – Aubrey Malphurs
- *44 Questions for Church Planters* by Lyle Schaller
- *Redeemer Church Planting Manual* – by Tim Keller & Allen Thompson; available at www.redeemer.com
- Ed Stetzer's website: www.newchurches.com

Missional Theology

- *The Gospel in a Pluralist Society* and *Foolishness to the Greeks* by Lesslie Newbigin
- *Missional Church* by Darrell Guder
- *Breaking the Missional Code* by Ed Stetzer
- *Radical Reformation* by Mark Driscoll
- *The Church Between Gospel and Culture* by George Hunsberger
- *Missionary Methods: St. Paul's or Ours?* and *The Spontaneous Expansion of the Church* by Roland Allen

Assessment Tools

- DISC test – www.discprofile.com
- Golden Personality Type Profiler (entrepreneurial assessment) – www.biztest.com
- Entrepreneurial Attributes Scale (“BCII”) – www.careerdiscovery.com/hbpsba/intro.html
- Servants by Design – www.youruniquedesign.com

Vision Development & Articulation

- *Visioneering* by Andy Stanley
- *Church Unique* by Will Mancini

Fundraising & Financial Management

- The Body Builders – teaches seminars for missionaries on how to raise personal support – www.thebodybuilders.net
- Great Commission Ministries – trains and employs missionaries as they raise support – www.gcmweb.org
- *Zondervan Church and Nonprofit Tax and Financial Guide* and *Zondervan Minister's Tax and Financial Guide* – published annually; be sure to get most current year

Demographic Research

- Percept Ministries – excellent demographic research reports that measures religious attitudes – www.perceptgroup.com
- U.S. Census Bureau – <http://factfinder.census.gov>

Season 2 – Gathering

Networking

- *Networking Smart* by Wayne Baker
- *Never Eat Alone* by Keith Ferrazzi
- *The Master's Plan for Making Disciples* by Win Arn
- “Evangelism through Networking” by Tim Keller – available online; Google it



- Audio: “Dwelling with Non-Christians” by Darrin Patrick – acts29network.org

Gathering Strategies

- *Conspiracy of Kindness* and *101 Ways to Reach Your Community* by Steve Sjogren
- *Seeker Small Groups: Engaging Spiritual Seekers in Life-Changing Discussions* by Gary Poole
- *Questioning Evangelism* by Randy Newman
- *Launch: Starting a New Church from Scratch* by Nelson Searcy

Season 3 – Developing Gospel-Centered Ministries

Corporate Worship & Preaching

- “Evangelistic Worship” by Tim Keller – available online; Google it
- Audio: “Worship & Culture” and “Missional Worship” by Tim Smith – acts29network.org
- *Preaching the Whole Bible As Christian Scripture* by Graham Goldsworthy
- *Preaching to a Post-Everything World* by Zack Eswine
- *Christ-Centered Preaching* by Bryan Chapell
- *Preaching Christ from the Old Testament* by Sidney Greidanus
- *Light & Heat: The Puritan View of the Pulpit* by Bruce Bickel
- Audio: “Dwelling In the Text” and “Dwelling Through the Text” and “Preaching the Mission” by Mark Driscoll – available at acts29network.org
- Audio: “Dwelling in the Gospel” and “Persuasion” by Tim Keller – acts29network.org

Community & Cell-Groups

- *Total Church* by Tim Chester and Steve Timmis
- *Leading Life-Changing Small Groups* and *The Seven Deadly Sins of Small Group Ministry* by Bill Donahue
- *Activate: An Entirely New Approach to Small Groups* by Nelson Searcy
- *Sticky Church* by Larry Osborne
- *Redeemer Fellowship Group Handbook* – available at www.redeemer.org >store
- Audio: “Creating Pathways for Spiritual Formation” by Matt Chandler – acts29network.org
- Example: www.marshillchurch.org/community

Assimilation & Membership

- *Fusion: Turning First-Time Guests into Fully-Engaged Members of Your Church* by Nelson Searcy (probably his most helpful book and most easily applied to an A29-like church)
- *A Book You’ll Actually Read on Church Leadership* by Mark Driscoll – see chapter on Membership
- Audio: “Developing Elders, Deacons, and Members” – multiple versions by Mark Driscoll, Chan Kilgore, and Darrin Patrick – acts29network.org

Season 4 – Mentoring

Leadership Development & Multiplication

- *Biblical Eldership* by Alexander Strauch
- *Developing the Leader Within You* and *Developing the Leaders Around You* by John Maxwell
- *Spiritual Leadership* by Oswald Sanders
- *E-Myth Revisited* by Michael Gerber
- *Good to Great* by Jim Collins
- *The Leadership Pipeline* and *Leaders at All Levels* by Ram Charan
- *Grow Your Own Leaders* by William Byahm
- Audio: “Developing and Equipping Leaders” by Darrin Patrick – acts29network.org

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