

Vision

Pre-class Preparation:

Church Planting Handbook, 13-23, 93-103, 151-156

Moore, *Starting a New Church*, 41-50, 108-113, 186-202

Redford, *Planting New Churches*, 110-152

Shenk & Stutzman, *Creating Communities*, 31-40

Stetzer, *Planting New Churches*, 90-97

The Church Planting Group of the North American Mission Board has published a handbook on starting new churches that deals with the process in terms of seven steps.

7 Steps to Planting a Church

- ⊕ Step 1: _____
- ⊕ Step 2: _____ a Team
- ⊕ Step 3: From _____ to Place
- ⊕ Step 4: Find _____ People
- ⊕ Step 5: _____ Non-believers
- ⊕ Step 6: _____ People by Building a Core Group
- ⊕ Step 7: The _____ of a New Church

Step One: Vision

- ⊕ Vision begins with ____ .
 - In the context of Christian discipleship and church growth, we are interested only in Spirit- inspired dreams and God-given visions.
- ⊕ Ask God immediately to share His purpose for your church.



- ⊕ Vision (_____) is a _____ and _____ picture of the future...as its leadership believes it can and must be.

- ⊕ *Where there is no revelation, the people cast off restraint*
Proverbs 29:18 (NIV).

- ⊕ *I will pour forth My Spirit upon all mankind; and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, and your young men shall see visions, and your old men shall dream dreams* Acts 2:17 (NAS).

- ⊕ _____ the Revelation
 - _____ Phase
 - _____ Prayer Phase
 - _____ Phase
 - _____ Phase

- ⊕ Vision is informed by _____ and _____ .

- ⊕ Vision is received in _____ ways by _____ people.
 - Recognize the entrepreneur/ franchiser dichotomy

- ⊕ Vision tells/reminds _____ where you intend to go.

- ⊕ Vision requires a _____ image.



⊕ Vision must be _____ .

⊕ Vision requires a _____ vision caster.

⊕ Vision must be _____ .

⊕ Vision is _____-lived.

“without a progressing vision, the people perish.”

- Proverbs 29:18



