



# Why Church Planting?

(Matthew 22, 28, Acts 11, 13)

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## God's Heart for Us & God's Work in our Lives:

[Matthew 22:34–40](#)

[Matthew 28:18–20](#)

[Matthew 16:18](#)

- Our vision is to partner with God to **make disciples**
- Our strategy to partner with God is **church planting**

## The Why of Church Planting:

- Because of **our original vision**

*From Grace's Informational Meeting (Sun. August 25, 1996)*

*"What is my vision? Build an Antiochian church"*

[Acts 11:20](#) – Left their homes to preach Jesus in another city

[Acts 11:21](#) – A great number believed & turned to the Lord

[Acts 11:22](#) – Grace of God heard

[Acts 11:23](#) – Grace of God seen

[Acts 11:26](#) – Assemble and teach the Bible

[Acts 11:29](#) – Minister to other churches

[Acts 13:1](#) – Develop leaders

[Acts 13:2](#) – Minister to the LORD

[Acts 13:3](#) – Fast and pray

[Acts 13:4](#) – Send missionaries

- **Because of making more disciples**
  - New churches are 6 to 8 times more effective evangelistically
  - New churches experience 1 baptism for every 3 people
  - Existing churches experience 1 baptism for every 95 people
  - A church's most fruitful period is its first 3 years
- **Because God prompted our leaders** [Acts 13:1-4](#)

### The *What* of Church Planting:

- Two Strategies: Independent Churches & Multi-site Campuses

### The *Who* of Church Planting:

- J.D. Greear – “The most effective church planters grow and multiply small groups long before drawing a salary.”
  - Olathe Campus Pastor: Kent & Kim Liles
  - Olathe Campus Team: 200-400 to serve

### The *Where & When* of Church Planting:

- Studies show multi-site launches are most successful in a church's second-largest population 10 to 20 minutes away
  - Olathe Campus starts Nov. 6, 2016 in the Venue
  - Olathe Campus opens Feb. 5, 2017 at Prairie Creek Elementary

### The *How* of Church Planting:

[John 12:24](#)

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