

Crosslink Church Planting Plan



We want to give a church planter an incubator to grow as an apprentice at a sending church, as we walk alongside of them coaching, training, and encouraging them before, during, and after they launch a new church.

Creating a Network Based on Partnership

Our goal is to plant a network of autonomous churches that share the same DNA. We want these churches to partner together to share resources, plan sermon series, and work together to *Love God*, *Love People*, and *Make Disciples*.

While there will be room for creativity and distinctness between the churches in this network, we do want them all to share the same mission to *Love God*, *Love People*, and *Make Disciples*.

Building an Environment to Help Accomplish the Mission

For each of these commitments there are primary environments to help accomplish the mission. For *Love God* it is the Weekend Worship Gathering. For *Love People* it is our trimester Life Group system.

For *Make Disciples* it is using the G3 Disciple Making Tool. These three ministries serve as the pillars of Crosslink Community Church and we would want them to be foundational in all our church plants.



We want to strike a healthy balance between placing a church planter on an island with a check to figure it out alone and being a micromanaging dictator who is constantly looking over a church planter's shoulder.



Crosslink Apprenticeship Internship Snapshot

We want to walk alongside our church planting intern in connection with the Send NC network. We would utilize both their online Church Planter Assessment and their Church Planter Assessment Retreat to help prepare our church planter for the task ahead.

Phase One: (9-12 months out) Learning the Crosslink Culture

- Work with Crosslink Elders, Staff, & Ministry Leaders to learn Crosslink culture.
- Shadow each aspect of Sunday Morning Worship
- Be trained in disciple making using the G3 Disciple Making Tool.
- Learn the Crosslink Life Group Model
- Begin Send Network Training (4.5 months of weekly training).
- Work with Crosslink Finance Team to draft first provisional budget and identify potential fundraising streams.

Phase Two: (6-9 months out) Launch Team Development

Completing Church Planting Training

- Lead 2 people through G3 Disciple Making Tool
- Facilitate a Life Group in target area
- Lead a vision night to recruit Launch Team members
- Begin monthly Vision Nights
- Begin to identify meeting location

Phase Three: (3-6 months out) Gathering

- Monthly Vision Nights
- Establishing Governing Documents
- Launch location secured
- Continue G3 & Life Groups
- Begin Community Bridge events

Phase Four: (1-3 months out) Launch

- Have multiple Life Groups established in target area
- Hold a preview service for target area
- Two weeks out canvas mission field. Sending church sends mission teams.
- Commissioning and Sending Service
- Launch Sunday

Phase Five (Ongoing)

- 2 year financial commitment of \$50,000 annually
- Resource Support
- Preaching planning
- Mission trips
- Ongoing fellowship with Crosslink Church Network

