

moving on in a mission-shaped church

Bible study material

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We've also provided a short bible verse for each stage to root your thinking more deeply in Scripture.

1. Build mission-centred values at the heart of the church as it is

As the Father has sent me, so I send you.

(John 20.21)

2. Listen, pray and form vision

When Jesus saw the crowds he had compassion on them, because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd. Then he said to the disciples, "The harvest is plentiful but the laborers are few; therefore ask the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest field.

(Matthew 9.36-38)

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3. Prune a little

Every branch that bears fruit he prunes to make it bear even more fruit.

(John 15.2)

4. Form a team

By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another.

(John 13.35)

5. Feed your imagination

The whole assembly kept silence and listened to Barnabas and Paul as they told of all the signs and wonders that God had done through them among the Gentiles.

(Acts 15.12)

6. Explore partnerships

Whatever house you enter into, first say, 'Peace to this house!'. And if anyone is there who shares in peace, your peace will rest on that person, but if not it will return to you.

Luke 10.5-6

7. Form community

You are the light of the world... let your light shine before others so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven.

Matthew 5.14-15

8. Allow growth to maturity

There they strengthened the souls of the disciples and encouraged them to continue in the faith, saying: 'It is through many persecutions that we must enter the kingdom of God'. And after they had appointed elders for them in each church, with prayer and fasting, they entrusted them to the Lord in whom they had come to believe.

Acts 14.22-23



9. Maintain Connexion

For just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ. For in the one Spirit we were all baptised into one body – Jews and Greeks, slaves or free – and we were all made to drink of one Spirit.

1 Corinthians 12.12-13

10. Share what you are doing

Now to him who by the power at work within us is able to accomplish abundantly more than all we can ask or imagine, to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus to all generations, for ever and ever. Amen.

Ephesians 3.20-21