



5 Places to Find Planters in your Church

Where do I look for planters to send?

Future leaders do not simply appear; they are discovered. Your church provides fertile soil for the discovery of future leaders and some of the best training ground for their development. For this to happen, current leaders must assume the responsibility for both recognizing and exhorting young leaders to the vital work of church leadership.

Here are 5 places to look for church planters within your church:

Look Around You

Look around you with fresh eyes. Look to see where God is *already* at work among the leaders He has *already* given you. You're not going to find what you're not looking for, so look intently within your congregation for potential church planters.

Look for New Believers

Often, new believers still have relationships with those far from God and are ready to make radical sacrifices for God's mission. Pastors should seize this opportunity to challenge new believers to consider how God is calling them to steward their lives for his mission.

Look for Godly Character

Do you see a pattern of change, repentance, and growth in one's life? Look not for perfection here; look instead for clear brokenness over sin, a trust in the gospel, and a battle for holiness. These mark one's growth in understanding and applying the gospel to their life.

Look for Proven Faithfulness

Proven faithfulness can only be observed over a period of time among the church. Look to develop people who naturally lead without without a title. Leaders are not leaders if no one is willing to follow them. Sheep recognize shepherds. They see them lead and want to follow.

Look for Passionate Desire

Anyone willing to lead among challenging church situations must be willing to trust God and take faith-fueled risks for His mission. This means future leaders will often have a desire for more. For this reason, future leaders may make their desire to lead known. They aspire to lead and serve because of a God-given passion more than simple prideful posturing.

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