

# Church Plant Seminar

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## Introduction: The Myth of a Well Lived Life

*“But whatever gain I had, I counted as loss for the sake of Christ. Indeed, I count everything as loss because of the surpassing worth of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have suffered the loss of all things and count them as rubbish, in order that I may gain Christ and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but that which comes through faith in Christ, the righteousness from God that depends on faith—that I may know him and the power of his resurrection, and may share his sufferings, becoming like him in his death, that by any means possible I may attain the resurrection from the dead. Not that I have already obtained this or am already perfect, but I press on to make it my own, because Christ Jesus has made me his own. Brothers, I do not consider that I have made it my own. But one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, I press on toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus.” - Philippians 3:7-14 ESV*

*“I have been crucified with Christ. It is no longer I who live, but Christ who lives in me. And the life I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me.”- Galatians 2:20 ESV*

*“But far be it from me to boast except in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, by which the world has been crucified to me, and I to the world.” - Galatians 6:14 ESV*

*“I will say to the north, Give up, and to the south, Do not withhold; bring my sons from afar and my daughters from the end of the earth, everyone who is called by my name, whom I created for my glory, whom I formed and made.” - Isaiah 43:6-7 ESV*

*“So, whether you eat or drink, or whatever you do, do all to the glory of God.” - 1 Corinthians 10:31 ESV*

### 1. What is the meaning of life?

*“Thus it is noted that man will have other purposes in this life, but his primary purpose should be to glorify God.” - The Westminster Confession*

### 2. What is the glory of God?

It is God going public and showing His excellence

### 3. God’s ultimate glory is revealed through the Cross

*“For God, who said, “Let light shine out of darkness,” has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ.” - 2 Corinthians 4:6 ESV*

4. **Man, in his quest for autonomy from God, has made his focus in life on himself.**
5. **What would I choose?**

A room full of mirrors or a front row seat to view the vastness of the galaxies?

6. **What satisfies us in life?**
7. **Who satisfies us is God and the joy of bringing others into a relationship with Him.**

*“Yes, as your judgments unfold, O LORD, we wait for you. We desire your fame and reputation to grow.” - Isaiah 26:8 NET*

*“Because Christ also suffered once for sins, the just for the unjust, to bring you to God ...” - 1 Peter 3:18 NET*

8. **Can I really live a life with one passion to see God glorified and others come to know Him and unify all other things in life- work, leisure, fitness, romance, family, taxes, etc.- around that single passion?**

*“For Your NAME and Your RENOWN are the desire of our souls” At the end of the day, in order for our lives to count it has to be about ONE NAME. As Christians, our hearts, and lives need to be reflecting and moving us towards compassion and sharing the good news with the world simply because we are overwhelmed by WHO HE IS and WHAT HE'S DONE for each and every one of us. HIS NAME and HIS RENOWN needs to be the desire of our souls and the driving force in all that we do.” - The 268 Declaration, The Passion Conference.*

9. **This is what church planting is all about: it is bringing people into a relationship with God, who are alienated from Him now, and to form them into a community of followers of Christ called The Church in order to teach them to obey all that He commanded in order for God to be glorified among the nations.**

*“They devoted themselves to the apostles’ teaching and to fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer. Everyone was filled with awe at the many wonders and signs performed by the apostles. All the believers were together and had everything in common. Every day they continued to meet together in the temple courts. They broke bread in their homes and ate together with glad and sincere hearts, praising God and enjoying the favor of all the people. And the Lord added to their number daily those who were being saved.” - Acts 2:42-44, 46-47 NIV*