

## **LESSONS WE'RE LEARNING DURING OUR FIRST FEW YEARS OF CHURCH PLANTING**

**December 29, 2024**

**1- Apart from Jesus we can do nothing. John 15:4-5, 7-8**

**\*Whatever it is, seek answers from God's word and pray about it. If God called you, fruitfulness will come in God's time.**

**2- Ministry/ Church Planting is spiritual warfare. Eph. 6:10-16**

**\*Every leader on our leadership team went through some type of major challenge when they said yes to serving, and by God's grace is stronger for it.**

**3- There is grace for every season, but we must work hard, then rest in Him. 1 Cor. 15:8-10**

**\*During difficult seasons, lean times, or abundance be faithful and watch God's faithfulness.**

**4- Have a Kingdom mindset (Big C). Matt.6:33. Pastor Greg Levine, 'New Life Bible Fellowship- 'No true church of Jesus Christ is in competition with another.'**

**5- Love people well. They remember it (Prov. 22:1). People don't care how much we know and until they know how much we care. Jn.13:35**

**6- Keep inviting, investing, & (through the Gospel) inspiring others to follow Jesus.**

**1 Cor.3:6-9.**

**\*80% of people started going to church because someone invited them. Just keep preaching Jesus Christ, crucified, resurrected & coming again.**

**7- Keep Studying, Teaching & Preaching the Word! 1 Tim. 4:11-16; 2 Tim.4:1-5**

**\*God's word believed and applied to our lives has power to radically transform us.**

**8- Keep developing (forgetting the past, pressing on towards Christ). Phil.3:12-16**

**\*Our mission as a church is to help people live Christ centered lives that glorify and enjoy God.**

**\*This gracious work is accomplished by each person knowing, growing, showing, and going with Jesus more than ever!**

**HW-Write out a personal T Chart. On the left side list things, you need to forget with the help of the Holy Spirit and leave it in 2024. On the right-side list things, you are reaching for and pursuing by the grace of God and through the Holy Spirit's power. Then pray, plan, & pursue it in Jesus' name. Eph.3:20**

**Communion**