

# Pioneer Mission Training

## START A SIMPLE CHURCH

Do you feel God is leading you to start a simple/organic/missional/house church?

The following practices (based on Matt 10) will help you in the process of planting churches that multiply in the harvest.

You can go through this material with a group of friends, perhaps over a bring+share meal and report back each week how you've got on .

A group can usually cover 2 Practices each time they meet together (a session covering 2 Practices usually lasts around 2 hours).

## INVEST

We have currently published the '**Pioneer Mission Course**' as a FREE online resource.

We hope this training will be used as a catalyst to spark Church Planting Movements in the 12 regions of the UK.

We invite you to Partner with us! Please 'Pay it Forward' to at least 10 others by Inviting Others to join Newforms ([www.newforms.ning.com](http://www.newforms.ning.com))

Money is needed, so please consider Investing in 'Mission Britain'

The Pioneer Mission Course is outlined below:

## **PIONEER PROCESS (MATT 10)**

The Pioneer Process is based on 7 Practices that can be found in Matt 10 (also in Luke 10)

These Practices are:

### **PRACTICE #1 - PRAY**

Learn how to hear God's voice and follow the leading of the Spirit in planting churches that multiply.

### **PRACTICE #2 - PEOPLE/PLACE**

What people group or place is Jesus sending you to? How about starting where God has placed you in your Home, Work or Leisure? Learn to understand the culture, spy out the land and spend time meeting people

### **PRACTICE #3 - PREACH**

What's the best way to spread the message amongst the people group or place that Jesus has sent you?

### **PRACTICE #4 - POWER**

Learn how to demonstrate the Spirit's power to those in need

### **PRACTICE #5 - PERSON OF PEACE**

Learn how to find the person of peace and what to do when you've found them

### **PRACTICE #6 - PLANT**

Join Jesus in birthing churches in houses of peace. Study Acts 2:42 to see some of the Basic Practices and Heb 6:1-3 to see some of the Basic Teachings of the Early Church

### **PRACTICE #7 - PERSECUTION**

What sorts of persecution did the Early Church experience? How did they respond? What were the results? Learn how to develop a 'persecution proof' spirit

**WANT MORE?**

We have put together the Pioneer Mission Course for those who really want to get stuck into planting churches amongst those who are not yet Christians.

Pioneer Mission Training can take place over a Weekend or through a 4 Session Course.

We can also deliver the course over a SKYPE call

We deliver two other courses entitled: Newforms 1 and Newforms 2

For more info or bookings please contact: [newforms@live.co.uk](mailto:newforms@live.co.uk)

## PRACTICE #1 – PRAY

# PRAYER WARRIOR

1 THESSALONIANS 5:17  
"PRAY WITHOUT CEASING"

Read: Matt 10:1-5

### Spiritual Warfare + Intercession

1. Ask for the nations (people groups or ethnic communities) of the area, because God has asked you to (Psalm 2:8)
2. Pray to the Lord of the harvest for workers (Luke 10:2b)
3. Bind the "Strong Men"
4. Pray the Lord will lead you to a "Person of Peace" (Matt 10:11)
5. Bless all the families in that area (Genesis 12:3) by planting a new group/simple church

(adapted from Victor Choudhrie)

### Prayer Walk (Joshua 1:3)

Walk the area/place God has sent you to. The promise as given to Joshua is that God will give you 'Every place your feet tread' (Joshua 1:3)

As you go, pray the prayers outlined above. Ask the Lord to show you things in the area as you walk that He wants you to pray and intercede for

### **House of Prayer (Mark 11:17)**

Try meeting with at least one other person or a group of people who have a heart to pray and intercede for the same people group or place as you (it's even better if you can pray on location!)

Specifically pray through the things outlined above

(note: this is not just for general prayer, but strategic prayer that is intercession and spiritual warfare based)

### **Fasting**

Try increasing your spiritual discipline of fasting! Jesus certainly endorsed this practice and said we would fast after He left the earth! In fact, some breakthroughs only come through the process of fasting.

Try fasting for a day or once-a-week, 3 days, 21 days partial fast ('Daniel Fast') or for 40 days like Jesus

### **Night Prayer**

This appears to have been another regular practice with Jesus! He would often go up into the hills to pray throughout the night. He spoke about 'Watching' and 'Praying'. Major mission breakthroughs took place following this pattern.

The Biblical Watches of the Night were 6-9pm, 9pm-12am, 12-3am and 3-6am

You could do this alone, with a Pioneer Partner or with a House of Prayer

### **Pray for Boldness and Power (Acts 4:23-31)**

The Apostles and believers gathered and prayed for boldness and that Jesus would send healing power and signs and wonders! The Lord also says to Joshua 'Be strong and very Courageous. for you will lead my people to possess all the land I swore to give your ancestors' (Joshua 1:6)

Praying for boldness is vital in taking new land and extending the Kingdom through church planting

### **Pray for Open Doors (Colossians 4:3-6)**

Paul frequently asks co-workers and partner churches to pray for opportunities and that 'God would open doors for effective work and the preaching of the gospel!

Ask and you will receive, seek and you will find, knock and the door will be opened to you!

## **10:2b Prayer Virus**

Back in 2002, Kenny and John, were discussing how to see a church planting movement start across their state. They realized that Jesus had given the key in Luke 10:2. They settled on an experiment. Each day they would pray this prayer together for a few minutes over the phone.

As their praying continued, they realized they didn't know how to pray the prayer day after day, so they asked the Lord to teach them. He showed them that they needed to be persistent in their praying and to be very specific in what they asked for.

Things started to happen. Kenny was responsible for church planting in his state for his denomination. Prior to their praying, about one person a month contacted him about church planting, but as they prayed together, this soon became a daily occurrence. And in one eight month period, he saw more than 120 churches start as a direct result of this praying.

Kenny and John call this the 10:2b prayer virus (Luke chapter 10 verse 2 and the second part of the verse) and they are seeking to infect everyone they come across with it. Across the world, people are partnering to pray the 10:2b prayer daily, and everywhere they are seeing remarkable answers to prayer.

Pray the Luke 10:2b virus in pairs. Stand and pray actively and loudly. Then arrange to pray the 10:2b virus with a prayer partner (We usually get men praying with men, and women with women) over the phone for the duration of the course.

(The above was taken from 'Getting Started' Course by Tony and Felicity Dale)

## **Listen + Obey**

Before starting out it is important to spend time listening to the voice of God! Jesus said 'My sheep know my voice!'

We get our instructions from Him as we spend time in His presence!

Without Him, we can do nothing!

## **TRUTH + DARE**

Based on what you've discovered this week (truth), what will you do? (dare)

What do you feel the Holy Spirit is leading you to put into practice this week?

How will you make time to Listen + Obey?

Where might God be leading you to Prayer Walk?

## PRACTICE #2 - PEOPLE/PLACE



**Read: Matthew 10:5-6**

### **Vision**

What people/place has God called you to be responsible for (Gal 2:7, Josh 11:23, Josh 18:3)

Discuss in 2's

### **Research**

What's the population of the area?

What people groups live in the area?

### **Plan**

What's it gonna take to disciple that people and place?

Begin with the end in mind!

How many new groups/simple churches are needed?

## **Culture**

Can you identify the local 'way of life'?

How can you get in amongst the people in your area?

How can you meet people in your area?

## **Meet People**

How can you spend more time with people who are not-yet christians?

Where do people in your area or people group 'hang out'?

How can you spend time in the places they do?

## **Set Goals**

How many new groups are you hoping to see started in your area (people/place) over the next 5 years/1 year?

How many baptisms are you believing for amongst your people groups over the next year?

## **Report Back**

It might be helpful to set goals with your small group/simple church and then report back every 3 months what progress has been made in baptisms and starting new groups

## **TRUTH + DARE**

Based on what you've discovered during this session (truth), what are you going to do about it (dare)?

What do you feel the Holy Spirit is leading you to put into practice this week?

What people/place is the Holy Spirit sending you to?

How can you spend time with those people/in that place

## PRACTICE #3 - PREACH



### Report Back

It might be helpful at the beginning of each new session to give each person an opportunity to share how they have got on with the Truth + Dares from the previous session. (Luke 10:17)

Here are some examples of the kinds of questions that might stimulate stories:

How did you get on with Prayer Walking?

How have you engaged with the People/Place God has been leading you to?

**Read: Matt 10:7**

### Newforms of Outreach

What forms of outreach have been successful in your area (people/place)?

Try brainstorming 101 ways of reaching out to the people/place that God is leading you to

## **Connect with People**

Establish a Rapport

How can you get chatting to people in the place God has led you?

'If I meet a lady with children, I start chatting about the children and ask how old they are etc'

'If I meet a young person, I ask what courses they are studying in college and so on'

'I even talk about the weather!' (Marilyn Harry- an evangelist in the UK)

Try to establish a rapport

Don't forget to smile

Do be a good listener

Talk to them on their level

## **Listen and Ask Questions:**

On a scale of 1-10, how fulfilled are you in life

What do you think about Jesus?

What do you think happens when you die?

If you could ask God one question, what would it be?

If you could know God personally, would you be interested?

## **Share Your Story** (Rev 12:11, John 4:39, Mark 5:19-20, John 9:1-34)

Before Jesus

Meeting Jesus

Since Jesus

Keep it Simple

Use non-religious language

Practice sharing in 2's (for about 1 minute each)

Make a list of people you are praying for and aiming to present the Good News to

Choose 3 you will share with this week!

### **Share His Story**

What's the message?

'If you confess with your mouth; "Jesus is Lord" and believe in your heart that God raised Him from the dead, you will be saved.' (Romans 10:9)

In telling people about Jesus, emphasize the resurrection as it is the basis for sharing the gospel! (Luke 24:46-47).

Practice sharing in 2's

### **Guiding to a Response**

How do we lead someone to Christ?

'After hearing all this, would you be prepared to give your life to Jesus and follow Him?'

Practice Prayer of Commitment in 2's

### **Disciple New Believer**

Baptize immediately

Lay Hands for the person to receive the Holy Spirit

Begin to meet with the new believer to coach/disciple them

### **TRUTH + DARE**

What do you feel the Holy Spirit is leading you to put into practice this week?

What forms of outreach might you develop to reach your people/place?

Make a list of people you are praying for and aiming to share the gospel with

Pray for opportunities to share Jesus with others this week

## **PRACTICE #4 - POWER**



**Read: Matt 10:8**

### **Power for ALL Believers**

An identifying mark of true believers is that they can drive out demons and heal the sick (Mark 16:17; Luke 10:17)

To find out more teaching about moving in power check out: 'Power Evangelism' website

To see how many are involved in healing in the UK check out: 'Healing on the Streets' website

To find out more about using the revelation/prophetic gifts in outreach check out: 'Prophetic Evangelism' website

To see a very simple and fun way of using Word of Knowledge on the streets check out: 'Treasure Hunting' website

### **Pray for People**

It can be as simple as asking God to give you opportunities to pray for people

Offer to pray for people when they share their needs, struggles, hopes and fears

**TRUTH+DARE (Go!)**

What are you going to do with your Pioneer Partner this week?

Here are some ideas you can try out...

Meet people in your people group/place by spending time with them

Share your Story (ask God for opportunities)

Offer to pray for people (ask God for opportunities)

## **PRACTICE #5 - PERSON OF PEACE**



### **Report Back**

Tell group about your adventures in meeting people this week

What forms of outreach did you try out?

Did you listen to Their Story, Share Your Story and His Story?

Did you offer to pray for anyone this week?

Did you lead anyone to Christ?

**Read: (Matt 10:9-11, 40-42)**

### **Search for the Person of Peace**

The key to forming new groups is: Find the Person of Peace!

## **What is a Person of Peace?**

Read:

- Samaritan Woman (John 4:7-42)
- Cornelius (Acts 10:1-48)
- Lydia (Acts 16:13-15, 40)
- Matthew (Matt 9:9-13)
- Simon's Home (Mark 1:29-34)
- Zacchaeus (Luke 19:1-10)
- Martha (Luke 10:38-42)
- Priscilla and Aquila (Acts 18:1-3)

What did you learn from these passages about the Person of Peace?

Did you observe some of the following?

A person who is open to you and your message

Someone who is open to Jesus

A key person in the place/people group you've been sent to

Someone who is the centre of a household/social circle (a person with connections)

A person who welcomes you and offers hospitality

Someone who brings their friends, family, social circle together to hear the message

## **Coach/Disciple the Person of Peace**

What do you do once you've found a Person of Peace?

Introduce them to Jesus (Preach)

Pray for any needs they have (Power)

Set up a time to meet with them, at least weekly, for at least an hour

Arrange a Baptism Party (where they can invite all their friends/family/social circle)

Coach them in The Basics (see more below on this)

### **Win the Whole Household/Social Circle**

Remember that the Person of Peace is the key to a whole group of people

Encourage them to share Jesus and their story with their friends/family/social circle

Baptism is a great opportunity to bring the whole group together

We have organised simple Baptism Parties with the Person of Peace in their home (either baptizing them in their bath or inflatable pool, with food and music!)

### **TRUTH + DARE**

What do you feel the Holy Spirit is leading you to put into practice this week?

Will you begin to set a time each week to Coach/Disciple your Person of Peace?

Are you ready to baptize your Person of Peace, maybe through a Baptism Party with their family/friends/social circle?

## **PRACTICE #6 - PLANT**



### **Report Back**

How did you get on finding the Person of Peace? (through prayer, people/place, preach or power)

Have you arranged a Baptism Party with their social circle?

Have you started Coaching the Person of Peace?

Are you Coaching the Person of Peace in The Basics?

### **Read: Matt 10:11-15**

### **Person of Peace -> New Group**

How do you move from coaching the Person of Peace to Forming a New Group?

As you begin to 'stay with' the Person of Peace you coach them to gather their social circle

Begin to pray with them, name all of the people that are in their social circle/household

Find ways of bringing them together as a group

We have found 'community meals' work well (where each person brings+shares food)

Bible Study Groups also work well (bringing people together around an Alpha Course or something similar)

Socials are also good (gathering together around a film, BBQ, Party etc)

## **New Group -> Simple Church**

How do you move from New Group to Simple Church?

As the new group meets regularly around food, fun and sharing life, continue to share Jesus!

Share Jesus through Your Story, or by reading or recounting stories about Jesus from the Gospels

As the group become open to meeting Jesus, begin to introduce 'The Basics:'

## **Practicing 'The Basics'**

### **Basic Practices (Acts 2:42)**

Read Acts 2:42

What are the Basic Practices of the Church?

### **Basic Teachings (Hebrews 6:1-3)**

Read Hebrews 6:1-3

Did you notice the Basic Teachings?

Repentance

Faith

Baptisms

Lay Hands

Resurrection

Judgment

## **Interactive Bible Discussion**

We have used Interactive Bible Discussion methods when introducing The Basics:

We read the scripture (maybe one on repent+faith, or baptism - usually stories)

Then we ask questions:

What does it mean?

What are we going to do?

Who can we share this with?

As the New Group Hears a story from the Bible about Baptism and responds to the question 'What are we going to do about it?'- this naturally leads to practice (the group repents, believes and are baptized)

The Emphasis is on Obedience to the Word as opposed to head knowledge

## **MAWL (2 Tim 2:2)**

Model, Assist, Watch, Leave (Mawl) is a very simple training cycle

Model (if we model basic teaching and practice in a very simple way, it will be easy to imitate)

Assist (in this stage begin to assist others, maybe the person of peace as they model 'The Basics')

Watch (next we watch as the person we are coaching does 'The Basics' without our assistance)

Leave (it's vital that as planters/pioneers we leave so that the group does not become dependant on us!)

## **TRUTH + DARE**

What do you feel the Holy Spirit is leading you to put into practice this week?

Will you introduce 'The Basics' to your new group?

Will you begin the process of guiding your Person of Peace through MAWL?

## **PRACTICE #7 - PERSECUTION**



### **Report Back:**

How have you got on introducing the Basic Teaching to your new group through Bible Discussion?

How have you got on with the Basic Practices?

Where are you in the MAWL training cycle? Are you at the stage of Modelling, Assisting, Watching or Leaving others (maybe the Person of Peace)?

### **Read: Matt 10:14-18**

What does it mean?

What are we going to do?

Who can we share this thought with?

### **Become Persecution Proof**

It helps knowing that persecution and hardship is part of the process!

Paul writes to Timothy saying: 'Everyone who wants to live a godly life in Christ Jesus will suffer persecution' (2 Tim 3:12)

If you are living for Jesus and His Kingdom you will be persecuted!

So...how do you handle persecution?

Try looking at how the apostles and early church handled opposition in the Book of Acts:

How were they persecuted

What was their response

What was the result

## **Endure Hardship**

'Endure hardship along with me, as a good soldier of Christ Jesus' (2 Tim 2:3)

Beware of the idea that Jesus died to make you feel comfortable!

## **Beware of Circumstances**

Read: Mark 4:3-20

Which soil are you?

Have you heard this stuff about gospel-sowing and disciple-making but not really done anything about it?

Do you wither as soon as problems or persecution comes?

What cares of this life are crowding you?

Are you taken up with the lure of wealth and the desire for nice things?

## **Be Strong + Courageous (Joshua 1:9)**

We can not possibly take ground and move forward in gospel-planting and disciple-making unless we are 'strong+courageous!' God commanded Joshua not to be afraid or discouraged!

Fear and discouragement can rob you of the purposes and call of God!

I used to get discouraged quite a lot, then God has me look up every verse on discouragement in the Bible and meditate on them, listen and obey!

## **Spiritual Disciplines**

'Spend you time and energy in training yourself for spiritual fitness.' (1 Tim 4:7-8)

Throughout the ages Christians have trained themselves through spiritual disciplines such as solitude, silence, fasting, confession, study, prayer, watching

Do you have a Rhythm of Life (patterns and habits of times with God etc)?

## **Spiritual Warfare**

Of course, the first person to go to in times of persecution, hardship and difficult circumstances is God!

We have the opportunity to return to Him in prayer throughout this Pioneer Process!

This brings us full circle to Practice #1: Pray

## **TRUTH + DARE**

What do you feel the Holy Spirit is leading you to put into practice this week?

Set a goal of how many disciples you will make baptizing them within the next 3 months and year

Set a target for how many new groups you will start in the next 3 months and year

How will you prepare for persecution, hardship, circumstances (what spiritual discipline might you practice)?

How will you respond to set backs?

## **Go Back to Practice #1: Pray!**

## **Further Training:**

Newforms Episodes 1+2 go further into what it means to be a healthy, fruitful and multiplying church

**Newforms Episode 1:** Starting Simple Churches that Multiply

**Newforms Episode 2:** Multiplying Disciples, Leaders, Churches, Tribes and Movements

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