

My Church Planting

Master Plan: Defining the Mission

Session 4

How to Create a Mission Statement

Review



The _____ STATEMENT is a clear and concise description of what you believe God wants your congregation to be. The VISION is about WHO THE CONGREGATION IS going to be.

New Concept

The _____ STATEMENT summarizes _____ the church is going to MAKE THE VISION A REALITY.

The MISSION it is tells the _____ that will bring about the vision.

The MISSION STATEMENT is about _____.

In order to be relevant to your target area, your Mission Statement should reflect what you have learned in your research.

Two Examples of a Mission Statement

I. The mission of Living Water Church is to live out the gospel of Jesus Christ through the worship of the Triune God, the preaching of the Word, service to our neighbors, the discipleship of believers from children to adults, and the fellowship of the family of God.

II. At New Life Community Church we will be the light of Christ through:

- Worshipping the true God in Spirit and in Truth (John 4:24)
- Preaching the Word of God with clarity inside and outside the church. (Matthew 28:18-20)



- Serving our neighbors and our family, the marginalized, and the forgotten in our community with the love of Christ (Mark 12:31)
- Growing in faith and helping others to grow (2 Peter 3:18)
- Serving our brothers and sisters in Christ with the love of Christ (Romans 12:10, 13)



ACTIVITIES

1. Based on the sample mission statements above, what are these congregations going to do?

2. Copy your congregation's vision statement below (what you wrote on Worksheet 1).

3. Who does your church want to reach?

4. How will your congregation achieve its vision for reaching these people? What are you going to do to make it a reality? Make a list of concrete actions:

We recommend that each mission statement include the five vital functions of the church:

- Preaching and evangelism
- Education and discipleship
- Service
- Fellowship
- Worship

5. The mission statement should tell how the vision will be achieved. Make sure to include how doing the actions in the mission statement will bring about (by God's power!) the vision. Fine-tune your mission statement and write it here.

6. What biblical text support the activities listed in your mission statement?

7. Share your vision and mission statements (including their biblical basis) with the large group and write them here.

Action Plan for Module 4



Share your vision and mission with your supporting church and pastor.

Before returning for Module 4, share your vision and mission statements (including their biblical basis) with your launch team, the mother church and your mentor. You may want to ask the pastor to preach a series of sermons on the five vital functions (tasks) of the church to prepare the congregation to understand and embrace its mission.

When you present the vision and mission statements, ask whether the members agree with them and are ready to support them. Invite members to commit themselves to work together to carry them out.

If your launch team and the mother church do not agree with the vision and mission as defined by the leaders, it will be very difficult to carry out the ministries and the changes necessary to achieve the vision through the mission. The church planter, congregational leaders, and launch team must work to achieve consensus on the vision and mission before implementing any significant changes.