


Calling Out the Called



Empowering Believers To Impact Their Community



A photograph of a group of people sitting on a bench outdoors, overlaid with a blue tint. The people are engaged in conversation, and the scene appears to be a public space like a park or a community center.

Who are the people in your community?

Have you noticed any changes in your neighborhood lately?

Are you aware of a growing diversity of people in your community?

Are fewer and fewer of your neighbors going to church?



Is your church evangelizing the people in your community?

How many different languages, foods, music, time schedules, worldviews, and interests make up your community?

How many different population groups do you see Sunday morning in your church?

How can all these people hear the gospel in your church?

How many new churches are needed in your community?

Have you ever considered how crowded the streets are during weekday rush hours and how empty they are on Sunday morning?

What would happen if everyone you saw during weekday rush hours attended church on the same Sunday morning?

Would there be enough room for them in our existing church buildings?

Such attendance is unlikely, but it illustrates the fact that more churches are needed to evangelize non-Christians of North America.

Spreading the gospel to everyone in your community.

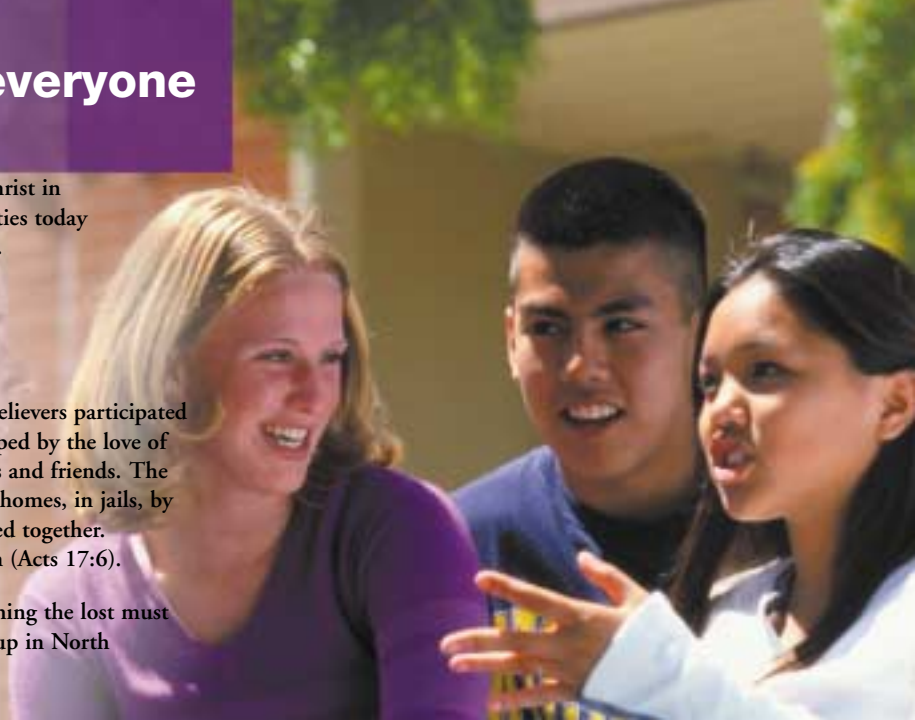
Starting new churches quickly spreads the good news of Jesus Christ in your community. The culturally diverse population in communities today demands that churches start new and different types of churches.

The obstacle? Limited financial resources? No!

The main obstacle? Limited New Testament vision!

Churches rapidly multiplied in the New Testament because all believers participated in sharing the gospel and starting new churches. They were gripped by the love of Jesus. They shared the good news of Jesus to their lost neighbors and friends. The new believers were discipled and they formed new churches—in homes, in jails, by the riverside, wherever believers witnessed, discipled, and gathered together. Churches in the New Testament turned their world upside down (Acts 17:6).

How simple! Indeed, amazingly simple! The same vision of reaching the lost must empower our churches today to ensure that each population group in North America hears the gospel.



What is Calling Out the Called?

So how does your church catch the New Testament vision of leading men and women, boys and girls to Jesus Christ? By calling out the called.

These are the called out. Do they know God is calling them to missions where they live?

Calling Out the Called is an event and a process. It is a biblical concept. Every believer is called to participate in God's mandate to make disciples of all nations. Many believers need assistance in praying through, defining, and living out their local mission call.

Calling Out the Called empowers believers to hear and respond to God's call in their lives to be on mission in their communities by starting new churches.



Calling Out the Called is an event and a process that consists of these essential componets.

1. Prayer for God to raise up workers for the harvest, for God to start many new churches, and for believers whom God is calling out.

2. Clusters of churches join together to start new churches in the community.

3. Teams form to assist the church or clustered churches in implementing their church planting vision.

4. The Calling Out the Called event.

5. Called out individuals are mentored as they participate in starting new churches.

6. Churches reproduce new churches that start new churches.

What are the benefits of Calling Out the Called?



- More people are saved and disciplined.
- New churches are started.

- Baptisms and giving increase in your church.
- Church members are empowered to be on mission with God.
- Your entire community is impacted with the gospel.
- Your church becomes a leader for other churches to follow.
- The Great Commission is fulfilled in your community.
- You have a blueprint for connecting believers to the mission efforts of your church.



Are you interested in Calling Out the Called?

Perhaps you would like more information about Calling Out the Called. A *Calling Out the Called* guide is available to explain in detail how you can use Calling Out the Called in your church or association.

The Recruitment Team of the Church Planting Group at the North American Mission Board offers a Calling Out the Called Forum for churches and associations considering starting new churches. This one-day seminar addresses various factors that determine a church's readiness for starting new churches and discusses ways of using COTC in your context.

Or it may be that God has called you to be a church planter. If so we want to send you the *Discovery Tools* booklet to assist you in your journey as a church planter.

Whatever your interest, please take a moment and fill out the response card. Thank you for your time and interest in furthering the kingdom of God through church planting.

Listen to what these pastors say about starting new churches:

“Church planting is God’s way of extending His church.”

Frank Cornelius, Pastor
Grace Baptist Church
Deer Trail, Carolina

“God will use any church that goes into church planting in a mighty way.”

Nick Garland, Pastor
First Baptist Church
Broken Arrow, Oklahoma

“We can invest in something that will outlast us.”

Johnny Hunt, Pastor
First Baptist Church
Woodstock, Georgia

“I have found church planting to be an incredibly rewarding experience. Being able to start something from scratch, brand new, and being able to pour your life into the people from the very beginning is very enriching and satisfying.”

Kevin Sullivan

Greater Seattle Area, Washington

“We want to see our generation come to Christ. We want to do anything it takes to make that happen.”

Jon Fredricks

Tacoma, Washington



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