



# Church Planting Strategy

South Roanoke Baptist Association

## Objective

To plant healthy, Gospel-centered, evangelistic churches.

## Plan

1. Healthy churches have healthy leaders. Our efforts are to work alongside planters in such a way that allows them to personally grow more in the Gospel so that their churches might do the same. Our training initiative will be broken down into three primary phases: **ASSESSMENT, EQUIPPING, and PARTNERING.**
2. Existing churches need to be planting churches. We want to see strong partnerships with existing churches and new works.
3. The Impacting Lostness Team serves as the SRBA Church Planting coordinator.

## **A. Healthy Planters**

### 3 Phases

#### **1. Assessment**

- Do they know the Gospel?
  - Personal Testimony
  - Define Gospel
- Passion for Lost
  - Are they sharing now?
  - Ministry success
- Qualified
  - Biblical requirements (1 Tim. 3; Titus 1)
    - Family Health
    - Spiritual Maturity
  - Personal assessment
    - Associational Missions
    - Church Planter candidate assessment
    - NC BSC assessment
- F.A.T.
  - Faithful
  - Available
  - Teachable
- Make application to BSCNC Church Planters funding and be approved.

## 2. Equipping

- SBC Bootcamp
- Required reading
  - “The Masters Plan of Evangelism” by Coleman
  - “Transformational Church” by Stetzer & Rainer
  - “Church Planter” by Patrick
  - “Church Planting Land Mines” by Nebel and Rohemyer
- Church Planters will submit a written response to the books and what they learned
- Podcast
  - “Reverse Engineering Your Life” by Mark Driscoll ([www.thegospelcoalition.com](http://www.thegospelcoalition.com))
  - “Preaching Christ In A Postmodern World” Tim Keller  
<http://itunes.apple.com/WebObjects/MZStore.woa/wa/viewPodcast?id=378879885>
  - “Biblical Missiology” by Jeff Vanderstelt  
<http://theresurgence.com/2008/03/27/biblical-missiology>
  - Funding is connected to completion of required reading.

## 3. Partnering

- Supporting Churches
- Network Meetings
- One-on-One Coaching
- Strategic Funding

## B. Churches Planting Churches

### 1. Education

- Existing Churches working with new churches – “We’re on Board”
- Have a Church Planter share at existing churches to explain the need

### 2. Prayer & Care

- Establish prayer teams for planters (prayer cards, email/ mailing list, etc.)
- Establish care team for planters (family care, accountability)

### 3. Financial

- SRBA will work to fund strategic steps by Church Planters as funds provide
- SRBA will work through “We’re On Board to partner Church Planter with local congregation
- SRBA will seek to identify as many funding sources as possible