

Common Pitfalls of New Churches

1. God is not present in the church plant.
2. The Lead Minister is not a church planter.
3. Premature birth and lack of core group development.
(Forty to sixty people is considered critical mass.)
4. Rushing people into influential leadership.
5. Poor planning.
6. Spiritual oppression.
7. Lack of supervision, support, and accountability.
8. Sin in the leadership.
9. Insufficient funding.
10. Misunderstanding of the target market.
11. Insufficient outreach.
12. Unrealistic expectations.
13. Lost focus on evangelism and discipleship.
14. Tired core group.
15. There is a critical spirit.
16. Too many new churches launched in the same community at
the same time.
17. No process of ministry.
18. A toxic steering committee.
19. A church planting couple resigned to resign.

Top Ten Mistakes Made by Coaches and Network Leaders

10. Presenting network meetings as individual events.
9. More concerned with curriculum than with the learning process.
8. Not involving spouses and key leaders effectively.
7. Not taking time to prayerfully prepare.
6. Allow planters who fail assessment to participate in the process.
5. Mixing new church planters with planters who are in their second and third year of experience.
4. Allowing coaches to miss network meetings.
3. Ignoring the ongoing resources and accountability of church planters.
2. Recruiting people who are too busy, or unqualified, to be coaches.
1. Launching a network without identifying or training coaches.