

Five Questions for Church Planters

Arributed to Rick Warren

The purpose of these questions (which can be gathered door-to-door or in focus groups) is not to debate but to learn.

Be sure to take notes so you can benefit from what you have learned.

It is essential that the church planter benefit from this experience. Other leaders may also assist in order to learn from a larger sample.

The Five Questions:

1. Are you an active member of an nearby Christian church? *(If the answer is "yes" bless them but do not seek to draw them into your church plant.)*
2. Why do you think most people in the community are not involved in a church community? *(Note negative stereo-types which may exist but do not seek to counter them.)*
3. What are significant needs of which you are aware in the community? *(Programs may be able to be developed to meet these needs. It is premature however to make promises.)*
4. If circumstances were to change in your life in such a way that you were open to meeting a Christian community, what would that church need to be like for your to consider it? *(Listen for positive images which may be legitimately reinforced in your church plant.)*
5. What advice would you give to leaders developing a new church in your community? *(Listen with humility.)*