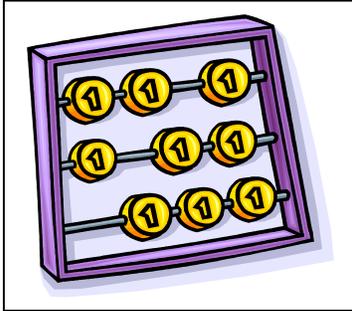


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SEQUENTIAL

You are a church planter. You have parachuted into a community with no core group. You are basically at zero. Where do you begin? What's next?

There is a natural sequence in terms of the 8 dynamics of a healthy church. As an intentional as a leader, focusing on a deliberate order will help you, your launch team and emerging congregation.

<i>Dynamic</i>	<i>Description</i>
Passionate Spirituality	<i>The planter's call and motive is a deep commitment to Christ who is the Lord of the harvest.</i>
Loving Relationships	<i>Primary to all ministry is a love for those who are being reached for Christ and gathered into his body.</i>
Need Oriented Evangelism	<i>An outgrowth of the love of Christ is the commitment to compassionately evangelize those who are lost.</i>
Holistic Small Groups	<i>Those who come to Christ need to become part of an encouraging atmosphere of growth and development</i>
Gift Oriented Ministry	<i>Those in the church plant move toward using their gifts and passions in ministry especially as the church prepares for worship.</i>
High Impact Worship	<i>The church is functioning as a body and is worshipping in a way that exalts the Lord Jesus in the community.</i>
Empowering Leadership	<i>The planter and leadership community needs to mobilize those who come to Christ to minister to those in the body and to those who need Christ.</i>
Functional Structures	<i>As people discover and employ their gifts, leaders need to employ structures which will help people who are serving maximize ministry skills and capacities.</i>



CRITICAL

To maximize the impact of a church plant in a community it is helpful to realize that one dynamic “naturally” leads to another. Health and progress in one area facilitates development in a subsequent area. It is the role of a leader to understand the relationship between these dynamics and to be intentional in pursuing them.

Note how the following four relate together. A church planter without a spiritual walk will soon learn, the words of Jesus: “. . .without Me you can do nothing.” Without a spiritual passion love for the people being reached will be simply a duty to be discharged.

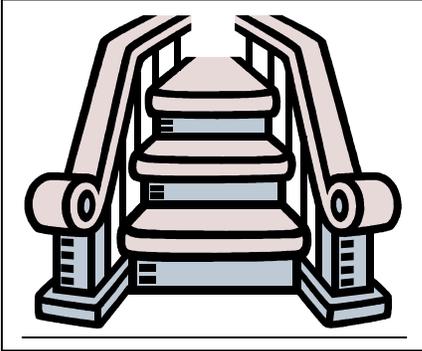
There is no better way to reach people than to have for them a genuine love and for them to sense that genuine love. These were the instructions of Jesus in the Upper Room. All men will know that you are my disciples if you have love for one another.”

2 Peter 1: 5-8 speaks about the critical and progressive nature of Christian character. They are “yours” but are still need to be developed.

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PROGRESSIVE There is no sense in which a church plant outgrows the healthy dynamics—**one builds upon another**. Also people who are added to the church plant in subsequent months and years, need to embrace the values and dynamics of a healthy emerging congregation.

CONCEPTION	PRENATAL	BIRTH	MATURITY
			Functional Structures
			Empowering Leadership
		High Impact Worship	High Impact Worship
		Gift Oriented Ministry	Gift Oriented Ministry
	Holistic Small Groups	Holistic Small Groups	Holistic Small Groups
	Need Oriented Evangelism	Need Oriented Evangelism	Need Oriented Evangelism
Loving Relationships	Loving Relationships	Loving Relationships	Loving Relationships
Passionate Spirituality	Passionate Spirituality	Passionate Spirituality	Passionate Spirituality

maxHEALTH



Similar applications have been made in applying the principles of **Natural Church Development** in working with churches with substantial health and vitality. This is called maxHEALTH.

KEY INSIGHT

The key insight in maxHEALTH is that healthy churches focus on all three domains of health simultaneously and continuously—leader health, ministry resourcing, and structural revitalization.

NCPD instead of dealing with an existing congregation with systems and ministries, deals with an emerging congregation. In some church planting contexts, the leader's health is the only focus at the present time. The task is to envision and develop the resources needed to enable ministry dynamics and development to occur.

EMERGING VS. MATURE

The main difference is that NCPD is working with an emerging congregation and mH works with a mature congregation with the potential of reproducing. It is the difference between refocusing in the case of mH and focusing in the case of NCPD.

MINIMUM FACTOR VS DEVELOPMENTAL FACTORS

In the case of an existing congregation, **mH** helps a church to focus on the minimum factor which is hindering the churches impact. With **NCPD** the focus is on developmental steps which place the 8 qualities of **NCD** in a sequential church planting order.

NCPD assumes that because a church is emerging that some of the qualities will emerge in the future as the church plant develops. For example when a plant is in its early stages of outreach, high impact worship is yet in the future. It *should* be missing at early stages. When a church planter and family begin ministering in a community, (especially if pioneering) holistic small groups will follow evangelism of pre Christians and the assimilation of believers.