

Church Planter Community Consultation Guidelines

Description

The consultation segment of Church Planting Community is designed to give church planters an opportunity to receive advice, counsel and suggestions on a current challenge that they face in church planting. Church planters should always come to Church Planter Community ready to state their challenge clearly and concisely. The segment is divided into two 30-minute periods during which two church planters may receive the consultation in a round-table discussion.

Time-Distribution Model

3-5 minutes	Church planter #1 states challenge clearly and concisely
3-5 minutes	Community members ask clarifying questions of church planter #1
20-22 minutes	Round table discussion on challenge #1
2 minutes	Prayer for church planter #1 and his challenge
30 minutes	Total Time for Consultation #1

3-5 minutes	Church planter #2 states challenge clearly and concisely
3-5 minutes	Community members ask clarifying questions of church planter #2
20-22 minutes	Round table discussion on challenge #2
2 minutes	Prayer for church planter #2 and his challenge
30 minutes	Total Time for Consultation #2

60 minutes **Total Time for Consultation**

Consultation Guidelines

- Church planters must come to Church Planter Community prepared to receive consultation.
- One person at the round table should be appointed as the facilitator of the discussion.
- The facilitator's main role is to keep the consultation moving and on track. (see model above)
- Church Planters should state their challenge clearly and concisely within 3 to 5 minutes.
- Community members may ask questions to gain background and clarity on the issue.
- Before discussion begins, the challenge should be summarized in a single sentence.
- Advice, suggestions and feedback from community members should be brief.
- Respect for all is paramount. No lecturing, debating or arguing over suggestions is allowed.
- Consultations should end with prayer for the church planter and his challenge.