

Series: **The Original Church Planter**

Today's Title: "**Church Plant Discussion**" – Guest: *Dr. Bob Logan*

August 13, 2023 – *Selected Scriptures*

Objective: To encourage CDOBC and focus our faith and energy as we begin the process of planting.

AWANA – Recap 1st night of AWANA

Opening Prayer

Dr. Bob Logan – bio / introduction

I could tell you that Bob Logan has over 45 years of ministry experience, including church planting, pastoring, consulting, coaching, and speaking.

I could talk about his commitment to equipping ministry leaders and tell you about the many books he has written on church leadership, discipleship, coaching, and church planting.

But what really matters is that Bob has a heart for Jesus and wants to see as many people in heaven as possible.

Bob has been walking alongside us behind the scenes for some time now and I am excited for more of you to finally meet him.

Please welcome Dr. Bob Logan.

Today, we're taking a break from our sermon series in the book of Acts – "The Original Church Planter" – and I will have a conversation with Dr. Logan on the topic of Church Planting.

As many of you know, our theme for this year is '**All In**' – and through the various ministries of the church we have tried to encourage each of us to be '**All In**' for the cause of Christ and the mission He has given us.

We have been working for about 2 years toward the goal of planting a church.

We have assembled a search team to find the pastor God has already chosen to plant the church.

Plant Budget - We have provided hard copies in the upper and lower lobbies...

App - and our website – We have provided the information there for you as well.

Make sure you look over the *Significant Assumptions* behind the budget #'s – and the *Church Plant Budget*.

In this Tuesday's Connect Video – I will walk through the details of the Plant Budget – so make sure to watch this week's Connect Video for that information.

We have been walking through Acts 13-20 to look at the Apostle Paul – the Original Church Planter – and the churches he planted throughout the Mediterranean region – and what we can learn from his ministry and example.

It is my hope and prayer that today's conversation will be informative and helpful as we move closer to planting a

church – and commit ourselves to being ‘**All In**’ with God and His plan for us here at CDOBC.

Dr. Logan... thank you for being here today – let’s jump right into the 1st question.

Sermon Questions:

1) How is planting a church a significant part of the mission Jesus gave the Church?

2) Why don’t more churches plant churches? Why does it seem ‘rare’ when a church plants a church?

3) Can you help those who are concerned that the plant will hurt our church? Those who are worried how planting will affect our church?

4) What are some helpful responses or ways to think about some of these concerns?

5) For those who don’t sense God leading them to be part of the plant, how can they help support the plant? What can they do now to support the plant?

6) What am I not asking you – that I should be asking you about the church plant process?

Passages referenced / read

Matthew 28:18-20 (NLT)

Jesus came and told His disciples, “I have been given all authority in heaven and on earth.

Therefore, go and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit.

Teach these new disciples to obey all the commands I have given you. And be sure of this: I am with you always, even to the end of the age.”

Acts 1:8 (NLT)

“But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes upon you. And you will be My witnesses, telling people about Me everywhere—in Jerusalem, throughout Judea, in Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.”

Matthew 9:35-38 (NLT)

Jesus traveled through all the towns and villages of that area, teaching in the synagogues and announcing the Good News about the Kingdom. And He healed every kind of disease and illness.

When He saw the crowds, He had compassion on them because they were confused and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd.

He said to His disciples, “The harvest is great, but the workers are few. So pray to the Lord who is in charge of the harvest; ask Him to send more workers into His fields.”

1 John 4:18 (NIV)

“There is no fear in love. But perfect love drives out fear, because fear has to do with punishment. The one who fears is not made perfect in love.”

Ephesians 3:14-19 (NLT)

“When I think of all this, I fall to my knees and pray to the Father, the Creator of everything in heaven and on earth.

I pray that from His glorious, unlimited resources He will empower you with inner strength through His Spirit.

Then Christ will make His home in your hearts as you trust in Him.

Your roots will grow down into God's love and keep you strong.

And may you have the power to understand, as all God's people should, how wide, how long, how high, and how deep His love is.

May you experience the love of Christ, though it is too great to understand fully. Then you will be made complete with all the fullness of life and power that comes from God."

Ephesians 3:20-21 (NLT)

"Now all glory to God, who is able, through His mighty power at work within us, to accomplish infinitely more than we might ask or think.

Glory to Him in the church and in Christ Jesus through all generations forever and ever! Amen.'

Acts 13:1-3 (NLT)

Among the prophets and teachers of the church at Antioch of Syria were Barnabas, Simeon (called "the black man"), Lucius (from Cyrene), Manaen (the childhood companion of King Herod Antipas), and Saul.

One day as these men were worshiping the Lord and fasting, the Holy Spirit said, "Dedicate Barnabas and Saul for the special work to which I have called them."

So after more fasting and prayer, the men laid their hands on them and sent them on their way.

Revelation 7:9-10 (NLT)

After this I saw a vast crowd, too great to count, from every nation and tribe and people and language, standing in front of the throne and before the Lamb. They were clothed in white robes and held palm branches in their hands.

And they were shouting with a great roar, "Salvation comes from our God who sits on the throne and from the Lamb!"

Closing prayer