

# Approaches to Church Planting

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❑ Churches are living entities that work systemically, not linearly.

❑ Interdependence of these 3 major areas:

1. Approaches to the who: people selection
2. Approaches to the what: fellowship structures
3. Approaches to the how: launch methods

❑ Approaches to the who: People Selection:

1. No single church can reach everyone
  - We cannot lead a church that relates to everyone
  - Riffle focus not shotgun spread
  - Method of Jesus and Paul
2. Where can you lead?
  - Calling
  - Near or far
  - Homogeneous or heterogeneous

- Close-cultural or cross-cultural
- Felt needs and/or relational

3. Demographics: finding the match; finding the boundaries

4. Saddleback Sam

5. "This way I never miss!"

☐ Approaches to the what: fellowship structures

1. There are 3 levels of fellowship that exist in every healthy church:

- Celebration:
- Congregation:
- Community:

2. There are 4 common ways churches plan to deal with these structures:

- Single cell:
- 3 "C"s church:
- Celebration/Community church:
- Community/Celebration church:

3. A Church planter needs to start with structure he wants because it is very hard to change this structure after it gets established.

☐ Approaches to the how: 3 types of launch methods:

1. Accidental church planting:

- Church split
- Church coalesces

2. Partial church planting:

- Multi-sight congregations
- Multi-ethnic congregations

3. Purposeful church plantings:

- Cloning:
- Birthing:
- Rebirth:
- Colonization:
- Parachute: