

Church Planting Sunday Talking Points

- The Bible says that one day, a great multitude from all tribes, tongues, and nations will gather around the throne in heaven to worship God for all eternity. In the meantime, we're called to make, teach, and baptize disciples of Jesus who will make up this multitude. That's our church's mission, and it's why we partner with other like-minded churches in Acts 29.
- By joining an Acts 29 church, you are part of a network committed to planting churches worldwide. Your involvement with Acts 29 increases your disciple-making efforts. You partner with believers in many countries, speaking many languages to make Christ known.
- **In 2023, 79 churches went through our proven assessment process, planting in 22 countries.** We have hundreds of church planters in our pipeline and expect our global network of churches to nearly double in size over the next few years!
- Last year, we celebrated **7,679 conversions and 6,637 baptisms in Acts 29 churches globally** as more people became followers of Jesus!
- Does your church have a personal story related to church planting? Or has your church been involved in planting another Acts 29 church? Share these stories with your congregation!

Acts 29 Boilerplate Language

- Of the eight billion people today, only about one-third would call themselves Christians. That means billions of people don't know Jesus. We want people from every tribe, tongue, and nation to know and worship him. We believe that to be faithful to the Great Commission's call to make disciples is to be passionate about church planting. This is why we plant churches worldwide.
- Acts 29 is a global network of churches bound by relationship, theological clarity, and a shared missional commitment to church planting. We're on mission to catalyze a movement of effective and multiplying churches worldwide.
- Acts 29 is a global network for churches serious about church planting. There's an African proverb that says, "If you want to go fast, go alone. If you want to go far, go together." We can best bring the gospel to the ends of the earth when we do it in partnership with churches that share our passion for making disciples of all nations. Our



efforts are multiplied, and our God is glorified when we work together to advance his kingdom on earth.

- We're made up of 650 partner churches in nearly 50 countries. **On any given Sunday, our churches are worshiping in over 30 languages!**
- We believe the church is God's primary mission strategy on earth. Therefore, being faithful to the Great Commission's call to make disciples means being passionate about church planting.
- Local churches stand as a trusted presence in a community, offering hope and help amid trials and tragedies, proclaiming Christ, and seeing lives transformed by his gospel and for his glory. As we plant more churches worldwide, we advance Christ's kingdom on earth. This is the beauty of church planting.
- 5 Distinctives of Acts 29:
 - 1) We are passionate about gospel centrality.
 - 2) We enthusiastically embrace the sovereignty of God's grace in saving sinners.
 - 3) We recognize and rest upon the necessity of the empowering presence of the Holy Spirit for all life and ministry.
 - 4) We are deeply committed to the spiritual and moral equality of men and women, and to men as responsible servant-leaders in both home and church.
 - 5) We embrace a missionary understanding of the local church and its role as the primary means by which God chooses to establish his kingdom on earth.