

How to Set Faith Goals

Purpose of this Chapter

- Understand the importance of setting faith goals
- Learn how to set faith goals for these two areas:
 - Evangelism – fishing trips
 - Multiplying foot washing groups

Question 1: What goals do you have for yourself and for your church?

Question 2: Why do you think it is important to have goals?

Question 3: How do you set good goals?

- It should be made after much prayer.
- All the leaders should have discussed and agreed on the goals.
- It must be very specific – so that you know when you have reached it.
- You should set a time limit – by faith set a date when you hope to reach the goal.
- It should not be too easy – it must challenge you and force you to rely on God to help you reach the goal.
- You must ask someone to check to see if the goal is reached.
- You should not have too many goals.

Question 4: Why do you think it is important to have goals?

- It helps the leadership team to listen to what God is saying to the church.
- It helps the leadership team to focus on the important matters and not get distracted from our main responsibility.
- It helps the leadership to give a clear report of their work.
- It allows the leadership team to receive help from a church planting coach.

Question 5: What faith goals do you have for yourself and for your church?

- **Fishing goals**
 - In the next 4 months,
 - I will bring at least one person every week on a “fishing” trip.
 - Together we will train 12 persons to go ‘fishing’ and bring 12 others with them.
 - By faith we believe that 12 persons will respond to the gospel and join a ‘foot washing’ group.
 - My leadership team will gather every month to check our progress toward these goals.
- **Foot washing goals**
 - In the next 4 months
 - Each foot washing group will add new members and multiply to form two foot washing groups.
 - The total number of foot washing groups will then be 4.
 - We should have 4 people able to lead a foot washing group and 4 others learning to lead one.
- **Baptism class goals**
 - In the next 4 months

- We will start a baptism class for 10 persons.
- We will train 2 persons to lead the next round of baptism classes.
- **Church Planting Goals**
 - In the next 12 months
 - We will send 2 church planters to start a new church in District B.

Question 6: How can a church planting coach help the leadership of a church?

- He can visit the church leaders 3 times a year.
- Together with the coach, the leaders can prayerfully set goals for the next 4 months.
- 4 months later, when the coach returns, they check the progress towards those goals.
- If they have been met, they plan a celebration!
- If they have not been met, they discuss what went wrong and try and solve the problem together.
- They set new goals for the next 4 months.
- When he returns, they repeat the process.