

How to Get the Most out of This Guide

Important Note: This is a Guide for Applying Biblical Principles, *Not* a One-Size-Fits-All Formula

We do not believe that there is one perfect approach for implementing this vision. Implementation, because it is principal, is dynamic and organic. While every church will focus on the same principles, and make many similar applications, each church's path will have some variation. This Guide provides valuable guidance in implementing this vision while maintaining the unique identity of each church.

The following pages provide a brief, but important overview of the Guide itself. Then, immediately following the overview, five keys are presented that will help you get the maximum value out of the Guide.

Select a “Point Man” to Lead the Leaders

Each leadership team should select a point man for leading the church leaders and/or households in the study and implementation of this vision in the church or church-planting effort. This leader will be the one who handles the administrative duties of charting the course: scheduling meetings and making sure everyone has all of the materials and information to study before the meetings.

In most cases, the pastor will lead the implementation effort. However, someone can be selected by the pastor or the other leaders to fill this role. It is vital to have someone who is charged with this responsibility so that it stays at the forefront of everyone's attention.

The point man's first task is to complete a full review of the Guide by himself and then to chart a course for the study of the material presented. The point man should present this course to the leaders for their approval. This is important in order to build and maintain momentum and to avoid tangents.

**“We loved you so much that we were delighted to share with you not only the gospel of God but our lives as well, because you had become so dear to us”
(1 Thes. 2:8).**