



## CULTIVATING Questions

### *The Idea*

- What are the broad key concepts that Jesus modeled for the church?
- What do you picture? What are the vision “highlights”?
- What should be the values and culture of the group?
- Why do you want to do it? What is your purpose and motivation?
- Have you asked Jesus what to do with this idea? What has He said to you?
- Who will you ask to pray for you as you begin?
- Who will be your advisers and mentors?
- How will you communicate your idea to others? Personally? Social media?
- How might ‘not starting a thing‘ challenge you or excite you?
- What might you need to ‘let go‘ of in terms of your understanding of church?

### *The Invitation*

- Will the “driving force” be people or purpose? Will you gather people then develop your purpose, or will you set the purpose then invite people accordingly?
- Who could be part of the “core” with you, establishing purpose and culture?
- How will you talk about the “baggage” each person may bring into it?
- What is the commitment level and expectations of the group?
- What is the ideal “APEST mix” of the people you will invite? (Eph.4)

### *Advice:*

- You don’t have to figure everything out to start.
- Don’t spend too much time thinking and talking without doing.
- There may be times when you feel like your group isn’t “going anywhere” and you will need to revisit some of these questions



### *“Cultivating” resources available from The Edge:*

- The original documents of The Edge concept and start-up
- The Home Church 101 online course
- Coaching from the Edge Lead Team

#### Papers and Articles:

- Home Church Philosophy
- How to Become a HC Leader
- The Value Of Home
- APEST defined – Alan Hirsch
- Key Concepts & Rhythms for HCs

#### Books:

- ReJesus by Alan Hirsch



## **PLANTING Questions**

How will each person be engaged from the beginning?

Will you start with a “soft” launch, or structured one? What will it look like?

What will be your markers of a “successful” beginning?

What will be your response if the start does not seem “successful”?

How will you prepare your heart and mind before each gathering?

### *Advice:*

Be careful to ask for the Lord’s perspective on “success”.

The key is not your ability, but your availability.

At some point the Lord will direct the depth to go deeper (through a question, or situation, etc) so be prepared to adjust the meeting structure or frequency to respond appropriately.

### *“Planting” resources available from The Edge:*

- The Edge Greenhouse Experience – workshop & group coaching
- Right Now Media subscription
- Ten Tips documents – (ie. Being A Good Host, etc) – found on the Edge website under Resources