



When I saw him, I fell at his feet as though dead.  
Then he placed his right hand on me and said:  
“Do not be afraid. I am the First and the Last. I am  
the Living One.” <sup>Rev 1</sup>

Tips for ministry...

## FOUR CHURCH PLANTING MODELS



**WHICH MODEL DO YOU USE? You do have a model, right???**

### 1. Antioch model.

A sending congregation sends a small team to distant fields (Acts 13—14). This traveling team moved from region to region, starting the first few flocks in each region. They stayed in a region long enough to establish leaders, or returned there to briefly to do so. The team did not stay to lead the congregation. Rather, they moved on to other neglected areas or returned to their sending church. Later, they did keep in touch via correspondence and follow-up visits.

### 2. Joppa model:

A mother church sent helpers with Peter on a short-term trip to start a church nearby. Like the Antioch team, workers did not stay to lead the church; they returned to their own church.

### 3. Business model.

Aquila and Priscilla used a small business to start churches in neglected regions. Scripture reveals that they did this in Rome, Corinth and Ephesus.

They left their original church permanently, moving from city to city, gathering house-based flocks.

### 4. Western urban model.

A fairly large group permanently leaves a mother congregation to form a daughter congregation nearby, in their same culture, usually with salaried, highly-skilled leaders.

A congregation with a large number of members may send a group that is big enough to hire a paid shepherd from the start, maintaining a worship style like the large mother congregation.

**Whether it is an official “church” or simply a home group or cell group, the key is to “go therefore and make disciples.” What part of “GO” do we not understand?**



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