

# ***FirstSteps for Planting a Missional Church***

## ***Coaching Guide for Legal Issues***

### Legal & Financial Issues

Starting off right is the desire of every church planter. So giving the necessary attention to the legal and financial details is critical. So bringing your best to this initial phase is of the utmost important. Here are a couple of ideas that will help you

- 1) Don't do it alone. Find a detailed person to help you.
- 2) Be accountable to your coach.
- 3) Make sure every item and the check list is completed.

#### **Biblical Insights**

- Romans 13:1-14
- Matthew 22:15-22
- Titus 3:1

#### **Checklist**

- Name chosen and secured
- Board of Directors selected
- Initial By-laws signed and set up
- State Incorporation secured
- Federal ID # Secured
- Inclusion letter obtained from Converge Worldwide
- Applied for State Sales Tax Exemption
- PO Box Secured
- Financial personnel secured (Financial Secretary & Treasurer)
- Check signers secured
- Financial Systems worksheet completed
- Payroll system set
- Bank account set up
- Payroll system set up
- Liability Insurance obtained
- Health Insurance secured
- Work Comp. Secured
- Copyright License secured
- All necessary documents have been sent to sending agent office.

#### **Reflective Questions**

- How does the issue of spiritual authority come into play in submitting to our governing and denominational authorities?
- Will your name outlast you?
- Is your name interesting and compelling?
- Who can help you complete this checklist?
- What were the key qualifications in choosing your financial personnel?
- How often do you meet with your financial personnel?

#### **Conclusion:**

According to Romans 13:1-2, we are called to submit to governing authority. If we resist their authority and their procedures, God will not and is not obligated to protect us from their judgment. So give this matter due diligence!