

# Why we plant churches

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## INTRODUCTION

“The best way to fulfil the Great Commission is to aggressively and consistently plant churches.”

- It was the best way for Paul to fulfil the Great Commission back then.
- It is the best way for us to fulfil the Great Commission right now.
- In fact, it is the only way to fulfil the Great Commission at all.

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It was the best way Paul fulfilled the Great Commission back then.

**Rom 15:** <sup>18</sup>For I will not venture to speak of anything except what Christ has accomplished through me to bring the Gentiles to obedience – by word and deed, <sup>19</sup>by the power of signs and wonders, by the power of the Spirit of God – so that from Jerusalem and all the way around to Illyricum I have fulfilled the ministry of the gospel of Christ; <sup>20</sup>and thus I make it my ambition to preach the gospel, not where Christ has already been named, lest I build on someone else's foundation... <sup>23</sup>But now, since I no longer have any room for work in these regions, and since I have longed for many years to come to you, <sup>24</sup>I hope to see you in passing as I go to Spain...

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It was the best way Paul fulfilled the Great Commission back then.

Paul's strategy assumed that:

- *The best and most permanent way to reach a region was through its major cities.*
- *The best and most permanent way to reach those cities was by planting churches in them.*
- *The best and most permanent way to plant churches in them was to plant the Gospel in them.*

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It is the best way for us to fulfil the Great Commission right now.  
Church-planting is the best way to:

1. Reach new generations
2. Reach new *residents*
3. Reach new *cultural groupings*
4. Reach *unchurched people*
5. *Revitalize existing churches*

*"Planting new churches is the most effective evangelism strategy under heaven." – C. Peter Wagner, Missiologist*

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In fact, it is the only way to fulfil the Great Commission at all.

**Matt 28:** <sup>18</sup>And Jesus came and said to them, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. <sup>19</sup>Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, <sup>20</sup>teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age."

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CONCLUSION

- Church-planting is not just the best way to fulfil the Great Commission, it is the only way to do so!
- This is why all Christians should be involved in church-planting, either by sending or by being sent.

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