

# Church Planting Stages



# Discussion

1. What are the stages that a church plant might go through? How many are there?
2. How would you describe that journey? What metaphor could you use?



# The Church Planting Journey

1

Planning the  
journey

2

Preparing to  
leave

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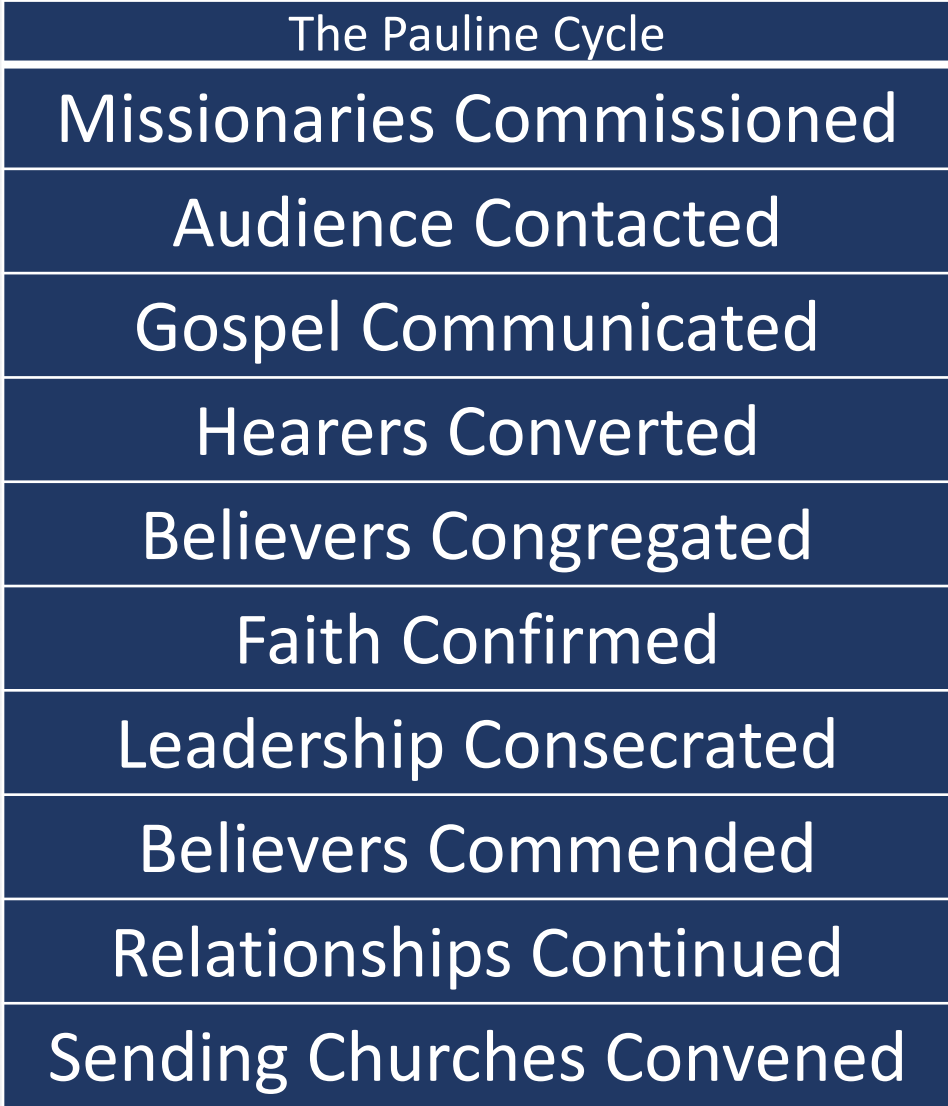
Leaving the  
start

4

Navigating  
the route

5

Arriving at  
the  
destination



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# Developmental Model

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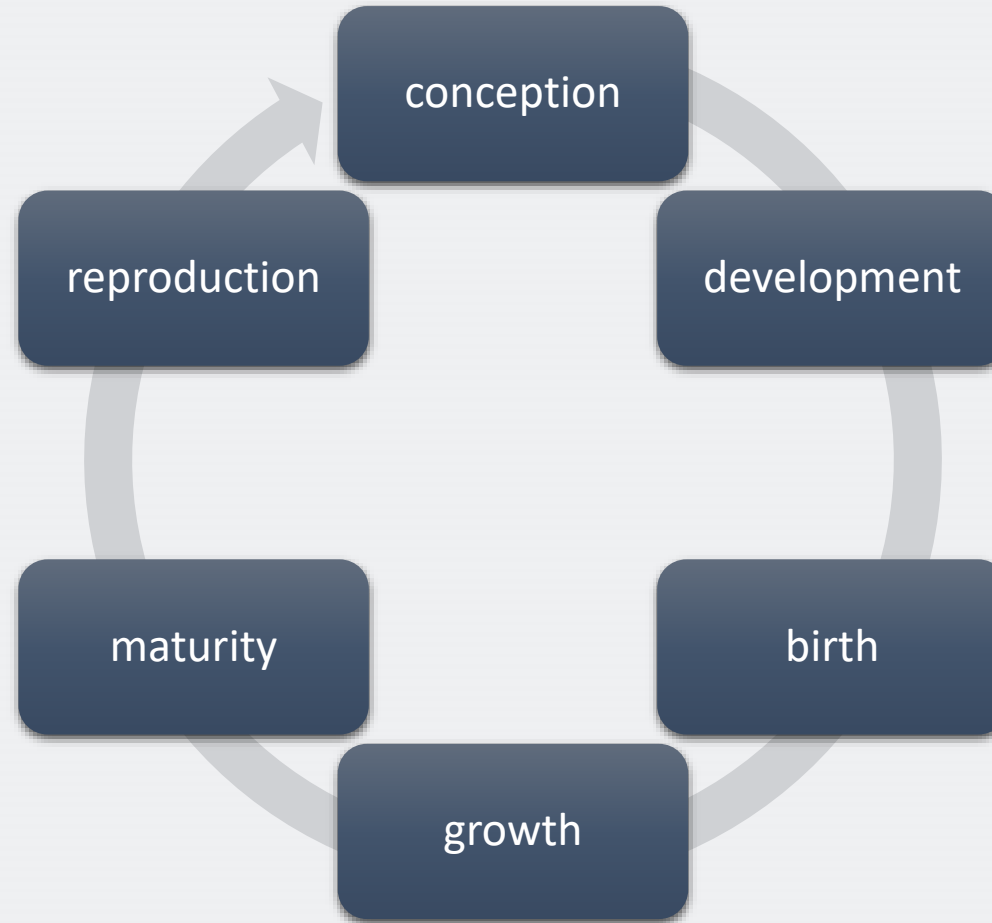
Stage	Preparing	Planning	Launching	Establishing	Structuring	Reproducing
Task	Target & Recruit	Understand & Strategize	Evangelize & Disciple	Congregate & Mature	Expand & Empower	Strengthen & Send
Role	Team Builder	Learner	Motor & Model	Mobilizer & Mentor	Multiplier	Memory

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# Biological Metaphor

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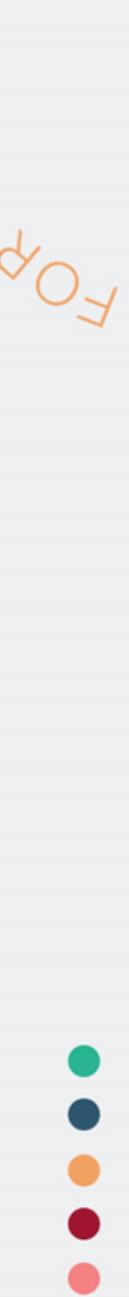


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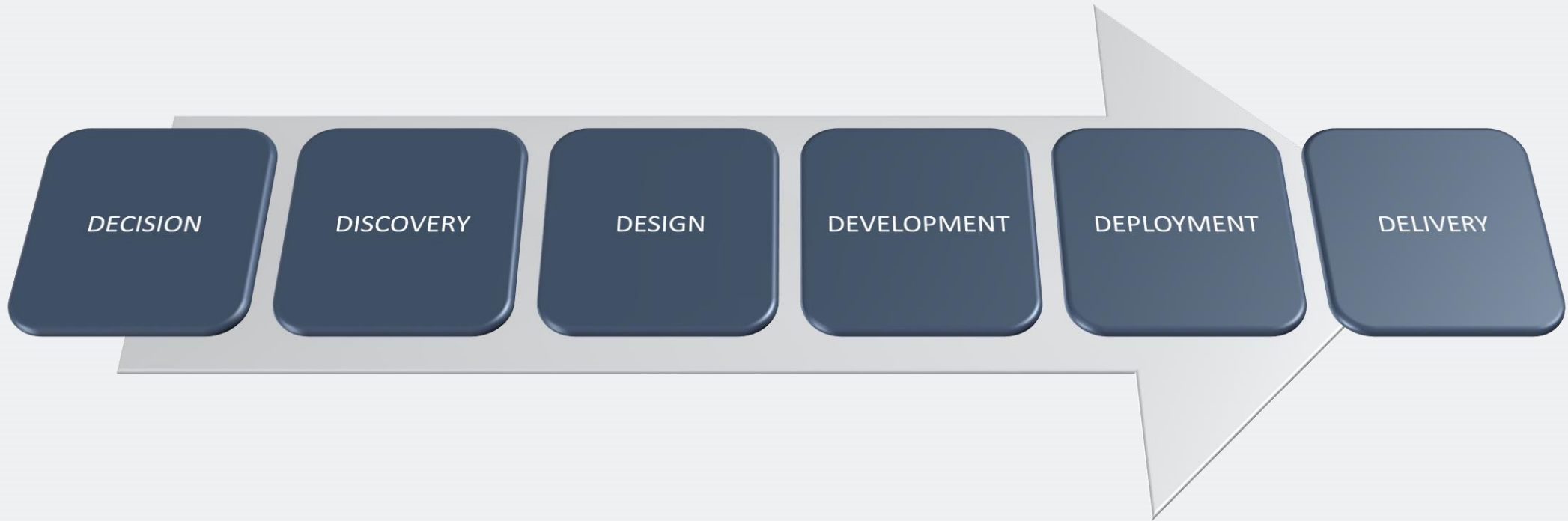
Stage	What's being said	What needs to be done
Conception	We want to have a baby	
Development	We're going to have a baby	
Birth	We have a baby	
Growth	What's happening to our baby	
Maturity	We no longer have a baby	
Reproduction	Our baby wants to have a baby	

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# The Church Planting Process

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A young green plant with a visible root system growing out of dark soil against a light blue sky. The plant has several green leaves and a thin stem. The roots are exposed and spread out in the soil.

# Discussion

What has to happen at each stage of the development of the plant?