



School of Transformation Apostolic Training



Levels of the apostolic anointing

Level 1

- Extends the kingdom

Level 2

- Gifts of faith, healings, miracles (1 Cor 12)

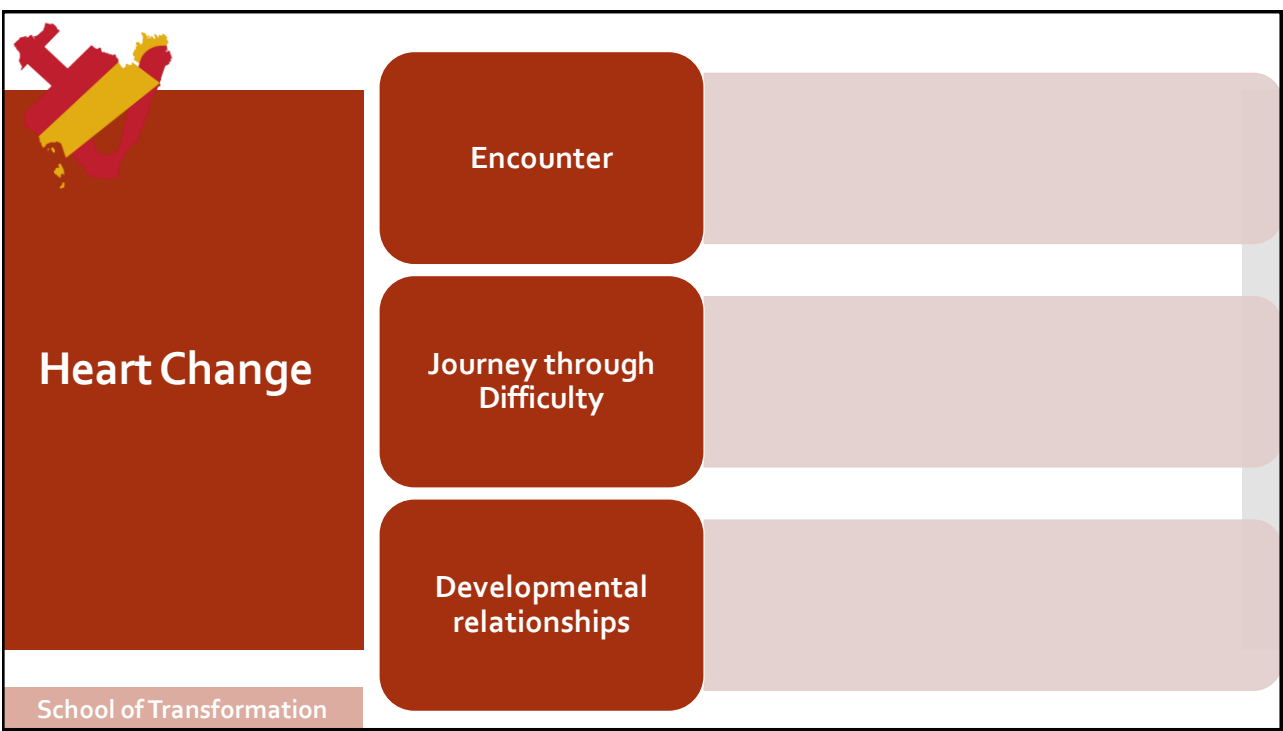
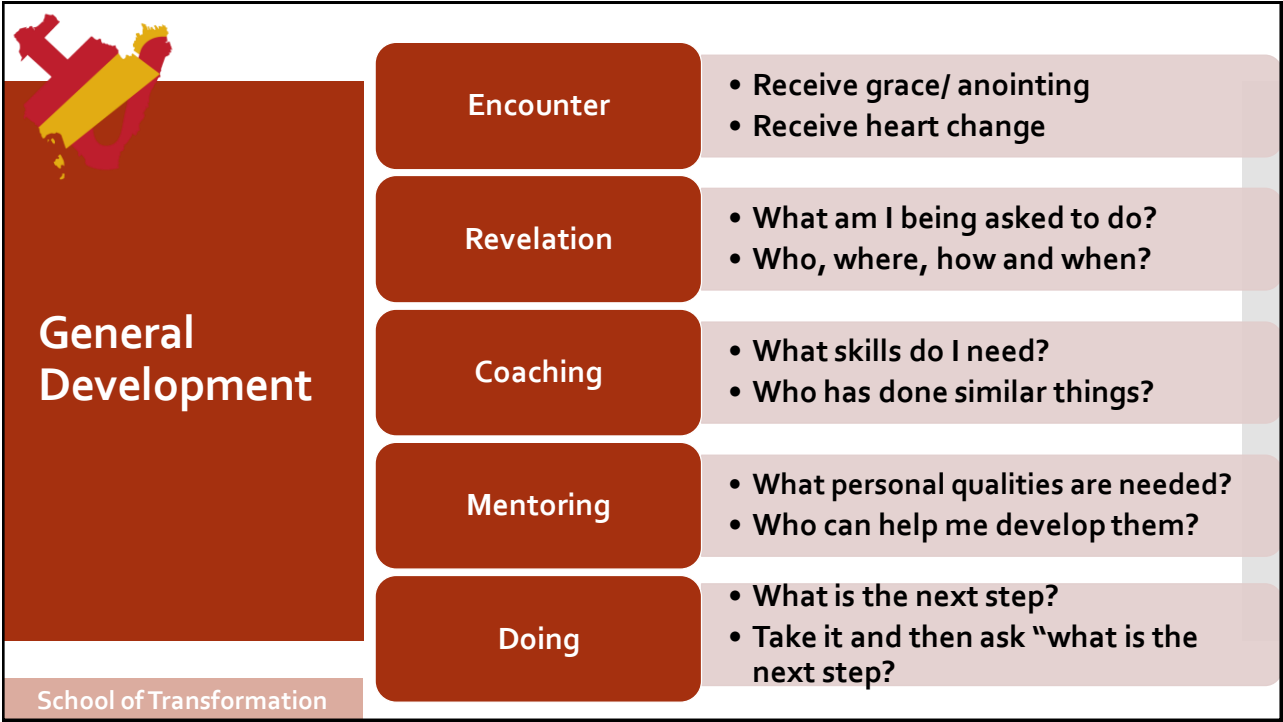
Level 3

- Leading by pioneering (Rom 12)

Level 4

- Develops the apostolic nature of the church/ extend the kingdom (Eph 4)

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Development of the levels

Level 1 Kingdom

- Embracing apostolic calling
- Ask "Am I bringing Heaven to Earth?"

Level 2 Spiritual gifts

- Esp faith, miracles, healings
- Desire
- Practice

Level 3 Leading/ Pioneering

- Be led in taking steps
- Get wisdom

Level 4 Imparting

- How am I developing others?- leading, apprenticing, relationship, teaching, writing

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Apostolic Assessment

Church Planter Profile

This will give you some areas of development to consider

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Why church plants fail

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ASSOCIATION OF VINEYARD CHURCHES CHURCH PATHOLOGY REPORT

For December 1, 1986 Council Meeting by Todd Hunter

Rank	Percent	Reason for Failure
1	95%	The pastor/planter could not identify, recruit, train, deploy, monitor and nurture workers and leaders.
2	77%	The pastor/planter had no clear plan from which he was working.
3	77%	The pastor/planter used ineffective gathering and/or evangelistic methods.
4	73%	The pastor/planter had no (or not enough) proven track record under supervision with us.
5	68%	The pastor/planter was a nurturing enabler/facilitator rather than an assertive leader/equiper
6	64%	The pastor/planter had no (not enough) indigenous support system/no lifeline to Anaheim
7	64%	The pastor/planter did no discerning research (i.e. demographics, psychographics, etc.)
8	64%	The church attracted too many nominal/hurt Christians who were unwilling or unable to change and grow (i.e. church hoppers, burned out leaders, the chronically hurt, etc.)—Saint John's Syndrome
9	59%	The pastor/planter was not a good leader.
10	55%	The pastor/planter had ego strength problems—success or failure too tied to self image.
11	55%	The pastor/planter did not take responsibility for the church to grow (i.e. was "waiting" for it to happen).



Why church plants succeed

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DESCRIPTION	RATIO	%	RANK IN CATEGORY	OVERALL RANK
1. The pastor/planter had a proven track record of ministry under supervision	10/20	95%	2T	3T
2. The pastor/planter had indigenous support or a lifeline to a regional church	16/20	80%	9T	10T
3. The pastor/planter had a clear, written plan (objective reality) that they were working from.	12/20	60%	13T	17T
4. The pastor/planter did not have ego strength problems (i.e., self image too tied to success or failure).	10/20	50%	17T	24T
5. The pastor/planter had a strong marriage and remained solid during the planting process.	16/20	80%	9T	10T
6. The pastor/planter was in a growing/learning posture, was able to change and help others change.	12/20	60%	13T	17T
7. The pastor/planter was sure of his call.	19/20	95%	2T	3T
8. The pastor/planter had clearly defined objectives to work toward.	14/20	70%	11T	14T
9. The pastor/planter did discerning research (i.e., demographics, psychographics).	10/20	50%	17T	24T
10. The pastor/planter used effective gathering methods and was ruthless about evaluating them.	10/20	50%	17T	24T
11. The pastor/planter had an attitude of optimism and faith.	19/20	95%	2T	3T
12. The pastor/planter did not suffer from inordinate loneliness or the depression that can follow, thus resulting in lessened effectiveness.	11/20	55%	16T	21T
13. The pastor/planter felt called as a couple.	18/20	90%	7T	8T
14. The pastor/planter was a good (strong) leader; he/she knew what the Spirit was saying, where the group should go and how to get there.	11/20	55%	16T	21T



Why church plants succeed

15. The pastor/planter could identify, recruit, train, deploy, monitor and nurture workers and leaders.	12/20	60%	13T	17T
16. The pastor/planter had good social skills; was friendly and easily liked.	19/20	95%	2T	3T
17. The pastor/planter had our values, priorities and philosophy of ministry.	18/20	90%	7T	8T
18. The pastor/planter was able and willing to take appropriate authority.	11/20	55%	16T	21T
19. The pastor/planter took responsibility for the church to grow (i.e., was not "waiting" for it to happen).	19/20	95%	2T	3T
20. The pastor/planter was a hard worker.	20/20	100%	1	1T
21. The pastor/planter was an assertive leader/equiper rather than a nurturing enabler/facilitator.	14/20	70%	11T	14T

(Association of Vineyard Churches Church Pathology Report. December 1986. Research by Todd Hunter)

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Jesus disciplined apostles

Luke 6:12-13 "Now it came to pass in those days that He went out to the mountain to pray, and continued all night in prayer to God. And when it was day, He called His disciples to Himself; and from them He chose twelve whom He also named apostles."

He did not call them patriarchs, priests, teachers, scribes, pastors or elders

The Roman apostolic mandate was to transform conquered territories with Roman culture.

So the training and teaching that Jesus gave the disciples is relevant.

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Apostolic Training

Jesus and the kingdom

- The 12 apostles were trained by the Holy Ghost and sent out with the message of the Kingdom.
- During the period that the Twelve were with Jesus being trained, and mentored by him, they were disciples.
- Their transformation into apostles came with the infilling of the Holy Spirit on the day of Pentecost and Jesus teaching on the kingdom.
- In Acts 1, Jesus promised them, "you shall receive power and be my witnesses."
- Judas's replacement
- In Acts 2, these followers of Jesus went to the streets to preach to the people. Jesus' message had been the kingdom of God. His followers' message is the Kingdom and its King.
- Paul and Barnabas

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Role of an apostle

signs, wonders and deeds

2 Cor 12:12 "Truly the signs of an apostle were accomplished among you **with all perseverance**, in signs and wonders and mighty deeds"

What are these signs?

Paul separates the gift of apostle with the worker of healings and workers of miracles in 1 Cor 12:29-30 "Are all apostles? Are all prophets? Are all teachers? Are all workers of miracles? Do all have gifts of healings? Do all speak with tongues? Do all interpret?"

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Role of an apostle

*signs, wonders
and deeds*

The meaning of the words “sign”, “wonder” and “mighty deeds” that are in 2 Corinthians 12:12 is “indicator”, “prodigy” and “force”.

These certainly can include healings and miracles, but should be broadened to include, amongst other things, indicators that these people are breaking the ground they are called to break.

Paul told the Corinthian church that they were “the seal of my apostleship in the Lord” (1 Corinthians 9:2). He considered this particular functioning church as enough of an indicator of his apostleship.

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Apostolic Training

*Dishonour and
difficulty*

1 Corinthians 4:9-13 For I think that God has displayed us, the apostles, last, as men condemned to death; for we have been made a spectacle to the world, both to angels and to men. We are fools for Christ's sake, but you are wise in Christ! We are weak, but you are strong! You are distinguished, but we are dishonored! To the present hour we both hunger and thirst, and we are poorly clothed, and beaten, and homeless. And we labor, working with our own hands. Being reviled, we bless; being persecuted, we endure; being defamed, we entreat. We have been made as the filth of the world, the offscouring of all things until now.

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Apostolic Training Perils

2 Cor 11:23-29 Are they ministers of Christ? I speak as a fool-I am more: in labors more abundant, in stripes above measure, in prisons more frequently, in deaths often. From the Jews five times I received forty stripes minus one. Three times I was beaten with rods; once I was stoned; three times I was shipwrecked; a night and a day I have been in the deep; in journeys often, in perils of waters, in perils of robbers, in perils of my own countrymen, in perils of the Gentiles, in perils in the city, in perils in the wilderness, in perils in the sea, in perils among false brethren; in weariness and toil, in sleeplessness often, in hunger and thirst, in fastings often, in cold and nakedness-besides the other things, what comes upon me daily: my deep concern for all the churches.

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Paul and Barnabas's apostolic training

Jesus selected the first twelve apostles

The eleven remaining apostles cast lots to replace Judas in Acts chapter one.

The Holy Spirit descended in Acts chapter two and even though many different people were used mightily by the Lord, the next people to be called apostles were Paul and Barnabas in Acts chapter fourteen (Acts 14:14).

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**Paul and
Barnabas's
apostolic
training
*relational
commitment***

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1. They were already committed and active in serving the Lord in the context of the church, and remained committed to doing so after they were named apostles.

They were not seeking an apostleship nor proclaim themselves as apostles. Their commitment to the other apostles did not change as a result of being recognised as apostles.

1 Jn 2:19 "They (antichrists) went out from us, but they were not of us; for if they had been of us, they would have continued with us; but they went out that they might be made manifest, that none of them were of us."



**Paul and
Barnabas's
apostolic
training
*The word of
God***

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2. They were in an environment of revelation of the word of God

Acts 13:1 "Now in the church that was at Antioch there were certain prophets and teachers"

Strengths in both the written and prophetic word of God set an environment for the release of the apostolic gift



**Paul and
Barnabas's
apostolic
training**
*Prophetic
input*

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3. They received revelation of their apostolic calling from the Holy Spirit through trusted people of God

Acts 13:2 "As they ministered to the Lord and fasted, the Holy Spirit said, "Now separate to Me Barnabas and Saul for the work to which I have called them."").

We should be careful to examine the prophecies and words we receive. (1 Cor 14:29 "Let two or three prophets speak, and let the others judge.")



**Paul and
Barnabas's
apostolic
training**
Submission

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4. They submitted their teaching to the current leaders, even if they knew less

Galatians 2:1-2...6 "Then after fourteen years I went up again to Jerusalem with Barnabas, and also took Titus with me. And I went up by revelation, and communicated to them that gospel which I preach among the Gentiles, but privately to those who were of reputation, lest by any means I might run, or had run, in vain" ... But from those who seemed to be something—whatever they were, it makes no difference to me; God shows personal favoritism to no man—for those who seemed to be something added nothing to me



**Paul and
Barnabas's
apostolic
training
*Sending***

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5. They were sent out

Acts 13: 3 "Then, having fasted and prayed, and laid hands on them, they sent them away."

There is a difference between going and being sent.

We should always at least be prepared to lay out our plans to spiritual overseers for their wisdom. We should seek the support, encouragement and empowerment from those whom the Lord has already empowered



**Paul and
Barnabas's
apostolic
training**

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6. They went out and built the kingdom of God in various ways

Acts 19:8 "And he went into the synagogue and spoke boldly for three months, reasoning and persuading concerning the things of the kingdom of God."

We do not need to travel the world planting churches to be apostolic. We all have different callings to different spheres of life and so our apostolic ventures will look different to others.