

What others are saying about *Discovering Church Planting*.

“Books abound on church planting. Few go into such sweeping and helpful detail. This is not a book written by an ivory tower scholar but by a true scholar activist. Whether you are a church planter or not you are a member of a planted church. This book sheds great light on what a church ought to be and how it can reach out in church planting. Get it and read it!”

-- Ralph D. Winter, Founder, U. S. Center for World Mission

“I have written many blurbs and a few forewords on some good church planting books. But, only one made it into my required reading list when I teach church planting-- *Discovering Church Planting*. J. D. Payne brings a theologian's mind, a missiologist's passion, and a church planter's heart. If you are thinking about church planting, you should be reading this book.”

-- Ed Stetzer, author of *Planting Missional Churches*, www.edstetzer.com.

“J. D. Payne has here gifted the church with a missiologically sound, theologically literate, and practically thorough, guidebook on the vital task of multiplication church planting. Of the plethora of books on the subject, this is a standout work.”

-- Alan Hirsch, author of *The Forgotten Ways* and *reJesus*; Founder of Forge Missional Training Network.

“J.D. Payne’s treatise on church planting focuses on the theological, historical, and missiological underpinnings of how the church grows and spreads. If you want a comprehensive case for church planting today--one that will challenge your ecclesiology--this is a must-read. As Payne writes: “Church planters must be both outstanding theologians and missionaries. To be one without the other is a liability to the Kingdom.”

-- Dr. Bob Logan, CoachNet International Ministries

“Students of church planting and church planting practitioners often ask me what one book I would recommend for this growing discipline. To this point, I have pointed them to multiple resources since no one book covered the breath of church planting. Now that book exists, and it is a masterpiece. J. D. Payne has written the single comprehensive guide to church planting that covers biblical foundations, missiological principles, historical paradigms, and contemporary issues. I am immensely proud of Dr. Payne, my former student. He has quickly risen to become one of the world’s leading voices in church planting. I see *Discovering Church Planting* as becoming the textbook for the discipline for years to come.”

-- Thom S. Rainer, President and CEO, LifeWay Christian Resources

“I know of nothing that has so impacted our people as that of Church Planting. Nothing multiplies the Church and inspires the people that to see their own work replicated in this nation and around the world. Dr. Payne has done us the Church a great service in giving us truth that will chart the course in Christ-honoring Church Planting.”

-- Johnny Hunt, Pastor, First Baptist Church, Woodstock, Georgia

“*Discovering Church Planting: An Introduction to the What’s, Why’s, and How’s of Global Church Planting* is a book that delivers what it promises. I am convinced it will become a standard in its field. In what can only be described as a truly comprehensive treatment, J. D. Payne analyzes church planting biblically, theologically, missiologically, historically, and practically. Important contemporary issues also receive attention, issues that are crucial to successful church plants that reflect the New Testament pattern. The book is well written and the research is superb. I am delighted to commend it widest possible use both for the academician as well as the on-the-field practitioner. All will profit from its reading.”

-- Daniel Akin, President, Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary

“J. D. Payne knows church planting from personal experience, research and training of those called to this task in North America and around the world. He reflects strong convictions that church planting is the heart of our mission to reach a lost world. It is only as our evangelistic witness results in local, indigenous, healthy, biblical congregations that become a growing, reproducing network of churches can that witness be extended to all people in every location and community. Much has been written on practical church planting methods, but Dr. Payne combines in this volume a comprehensive presentation of not only those practical strategies, but a biblical and historical overview applied to the contemporary challenges of this vital aspect of our mission task.”

-- Jerry Rankin, President, International Mission Board, SBC

“I wished I had read this book twenty years ago. It will put any church planter light-years ahead when it comes to planting a healthy biblical church. In *Discovering Church Planting*, J. D. moves us far beyond the gadgets and widgets that now flood the church planting market and focuses on the issues that every church planter should consider prior to planting.”

-- David Putman, Mountain Lake Church, Atlanta; Co-founder of www.churchplanters.com; co-author of *Breaking the Missional Code*, and author of *Breaking the Discipleship Code*.

“My sense is that far too many Next Generation pastors and church planters are slipping away from the importance of Scripture to their ministry. No one could say this about J. D. Payne’s *Discovering Church Planting*. I appreciate so much his love for and exposition of the Scriptures in the context of planting missional churches.”

-- Aubrey Malphurs, President of the Malphurs Group, Senior Professor of Pastoral Ministries-Dallas Seminary

“*Discovering Church Planting* by Dr. J.D. Payne gives us a very broad overview of church planting. Dr. Payne’s research is phenomenal and sound. He touches almost any question one would have about church planting. There is a great section on the historical background of mission involvement through the decades. I especially like his treatment of the team approach to church planting. For anyone who wants a good read, this is a clinic in church planting. Dr. Payne not only writes well, but he has been a practitioner in church planting. That gives great credibility to his writing. I highly recommend this book.”

-- Charles Brock, President, Church Growth International

“*Discovering Church Planting* hits the triple crown of church planting books, theologically centered, historically refreshing and missiologically driven. J. D. offers a stellar work in the field of church planting that is a must read for all series students of church multiplication.”

-- Gary P. Rohrmayer, National Director of ConvergeUSA and President of Your Journey Resources

“Few people I know have the passion for church planting that J. D. Payne has. His commitment to planting healthy local congregations echoes throughout this work, and you will not read this work without catching some of this enthusiasm. I am particularly challenged by the chapters on spiritual warfare in church planting and church planting in an urban context -- *must* topics for the 21st century church. Read this book, be challenged by it (even when you may disagree), and then find your role in starting a new congregation.”

-- Chuck Lawless, Dean, Billy Graham School of Missions, Evangelism and Church Growth
The Southern Baptist Theological Seminary

“Church Planting is the most effective method of reaching people who need to hear the good news of the new life available through a personal relationship with Jesus Christ. This is a must read for anyone pastoring or thinking about planting a church. I am impressed with the Biblical approach that challenges some of today’s thinking. The beginning of any new church plant needs to be the winning the lost. Every church planter needs to be a missionary.”

-- Dr. Gerry Kraft, Outreach Canada

“This book by J. D. Payne, which brings together the essential considerations for effective church planting, also has the added benefit of dealing with relevant and current issues that make it an invaluable resource for church planters today. The beginning chapters alone, where Payne masterfully weaves together biblical foundations and principles of church planting which are typically missing in most church planting books, makes this book a must read. With that foundation in place, the rest of this professionally written yet readable book unfolds the practical steps of church planting. This fresh contribution to the church planting endeavor will become a standard resource that will benefit many.”

-- Marvin J. Newell, Executive Director, CrossGlobal Link

“J. D. Payne provides a fine introductory text on church planting by investigating the past and present, identifying universal principles, and providing a firm scriptural foundation for evangelism that results in new churches.”

-- Tom Steffen, Biola University

“J. D. Payne has done a masterful job of unpacking the core elements of church planting. In a day of instant programs, quick fixes and chic planting methodology J. D. challenges us to understand planting from a much more solid and deeper level. He takes us beyond simply planting a church to planting the right kind of church. He takes us beyond simply growing a church to multiplying churches. He combines the streams of theology, biblical integrity, well thought out philosophy and strong leadership to provide a mighty river that we can ride to effective church planting. The questions at the end of each chapter provide a platform for thoughtful conversation to be used by planters, planting teams and parent church leaders. This is a must resource for any interested in starting strong, effective, and multiplying congregations.”

-- Phil T. Stevenson, Director of Evangelism & Church Growth, The Wesleyan Church

“My only criticism of Payne’s *Discovering Church Planting* is that it should have been published 50 years ago—I’d have avoided years of floundering in needless complexities! A friendly writing style makes it a joy to discover valuable facets of church planting, including some that have been overlooked in other analyses. Penetrating questions challenge one to think through crucial issues. Rarely does a scientific approach to mission work also show such a passionate devotion to Christ, the Holy Spirit and Scripture. I’d have my students read this!”

-- Dr. George Patterson, co-author of *Church Multiplication Guide*

“Finally . . . a comprehensive introduction to church planting that applies to both North America and international fields. The bonus is that it reads well and connects with our next generation of church planters. The best new text on church planting I’ve seen. *Discovering Church Planting* will serve us well in formal classrooms as well as field training venues. Thank you J. D.!”

-- Mike Barnett, Ph.D., Missions Strategy Coach and Professor of Missionary Church Planting at the Seminary & School of Missions, Columbia International University (CIU).

“This is quite simply an excellent, excellent book. In *Discovering Church Planting*, J. D. Payne has woven together biblical exegesis, missiology, church history, and practical insights from across the spectrum of church planting literature and experience into a seamless tapestry of church planting wisdom that is sure to be a classic in the field. I believe Payne’s work will richly reward students, pastors, and church planters for generations to come. *Discovering Church Planting* is a must read for anyone who wants to grasp the scope, meaning and state of church planting in our world today.”

-- David Garrison, Ph.D., Missionary and author of *Church Planting Movements*

“This excellent introductory volume on church planting is written by J. D. Payne who himself has been a church planter, a passionate advocator for church planting, and currently a seminary professor of missions. The author . . . comprehensively covers multiple dimensions of church planting (e.g. historical, biblical, practical, etc.) including a “bibliography” of eleven pages of the most current publications on the subject.”

-- Enoch Wan, President, Evangelical Missiological Society & Research Professor of Intercultural Studies, Western Seminary.

“J. D. Payne’s *Discovering Church Planting* is thorough without being wordy, scholarly without being burdensome, challenging without being overwhelming, and practical without ignoring the work of the Spirit. I highly recommend it!”

-- Dr. Tom Nebel, Director of Multiplication, Converge Worldwide; author of *Empowering Leaders Through Coaching*, *Big Dreams in Small Places*, and *Church Planting Landmines*

“Payne’s writing makes a considerable contribution for those in the school of church planting. As a church planter, this book will resonate with other church planters. Payne has grasped the key issues we face when planting churches and he gives practical steps and solutions for working through many of these issues. His understanding of the roles of the apostolic missionary and the pastoral missionary in planting churches is crucial for new pioneer workers to grasp and apply. This is a must read for all church planters.”

-- Patrick Lai, author of *Tentmaking: Business as Missions*

“J. D. Payne covers the entire range of church planting practices from A to Z. More a workbook than an ivory tower text, Payne’s experience and down-home approach are refreshing as well as challenging. The practitioner who wants a helpful book that is solidly grounded will find just that in *Discovering Church Planting*.”

-- A. Scott Moreau, Professor of Intercultural Studies, Wheaton College, Editor, *Evangelical Missions Quarterly*

“*Discovering Church Planting* is a collection of solid, thought-provoking insights into church planting, but without the quick-fix answers of too many church-planting manuals. Even after putting the book down, many of Payne’s quandaries still challenge me: After more than three decades of cross-cultural church planting, how much more extra-biblical fluff do I still carry around in my own westernized church-thinking and practice? And how can our church planting teams coach tribal churches into the razor-sharp simplicity of New Testament living that can quickly be reproduced in their own church planting efforts? *Discovering Church Planting* will be a valuable training tool for both rookie and veteran church planters.”

-- David Sitton, President, To Every Tribe Ministries

“This is a very comprehensive and thorough book on church planting. It spans all different types of churches one might plant from small house churches to large churches. The book is definitely for practitioners who are interested in being challenged by a number of different approaches to the complex task of church planting.”

-- Dick Scoggins, Head of Leadership Development, Frontiers; author of *Building Effective Church Planting Teams* and co-author of *Church Multiplication Guide*

