

## WHO SHOULD ATTEND?

Have you seen pastors and planters flame out of the ministry? Are you concerned that you could do the same one day? Take this course to learn what it looks like to create a sustainable ministry and lifestyle that will propel you toward lifelong ministry.

## PROGRAM BENEFITS

This session explores how to create sustainability within the various areas of ministry. These videos will discuss how to:

- Sustain your physical health
- Face discouragement and trials within ministry
- Create a culture of sustainability
- Creating financial sustainability

# SUSTAINABILITY



## FEATURES

- 6 Videos
- Notes & Reflection Questions
- Digital Handouts



## FACULTY

DAVID PLATT

TRILLIA NEWBELL

HEATH THOMPSON DAY

NOAH OLDHAM

J.T. ENGLISH

JAMES HOBSON

## COURSE OUTLINE

### FACING CHALLENGES AND DISCOURAGEMENT ON MISSION

David Platt acknowledges that anybody in ministry will face some sort of challenge and discouragement. Reflecting on Acts 20 and his own ministry experience, he gives three words of encouragement to the discouraged person in ministry.

### THE FREEDOM TO PRESS "PAUSE"

Trillia Newbell explains the need all humans have for prolonged periods of rest. Using anecdotes, Scripture and quotes from various pastors, she encourages us to throw off our tendency to act like we are self-sufficient and to rest in the Lord.

### FAMILIAL SUSTAINABILITY

Heather Thompson Day discusses what's needed for your family's health in the midst of ministry. She acknowledges the challenges planters face and explains how to protect yourself and your family in difficult times.

### PRIORITIZING PHYSICAL HEALTH

Reflecting on his own life, Noah Oldham explains the need to prioritize physical health as a church planter. He gives practical advice and mindsets for how to take care of yourself physically and sustain your health.

### CREATING A CULTURE OF DISCIPLESHIP

Born out of his experience with the Village Institute, J.T. English discusses the importance of creating a culture of discipleship. Reflecting on that background, he talks about the one thing that matters in discipling your church.

### FUNDING YOUR CHURCH PLANT

James Hobson discusses one of the main sources of stress for many church planters – money. Providing goals and suggesting mindsets, James discusses how the church planter can think and act healthily in funding a church plant.

## BIOGRAPHIES



### **David Platt - Pastor & Teacher, McLean Bible Church**

David Platt is the pastor-teacher of McLean Bible Church, founder of Radical and a council member of The Gospel Coalition. He has written several books, including *Something Needs to Change* and *Radical*. He earned master of theology and doctoral degrees from New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary. David and his wife, Heather, have four children.



### **Trillia Newbell - Author and Speaker**

Trillia is the author of the kids' books *Creative God*, *Colorful Us* and *God's Very Good Idea*, a Bible study on Hebrews 11, *A Great Cloud of Witnesses*, and a Bible study on Romans 8, *If God Is For Us*, as well as the books *Sacred Endurance: Finding Grace and Strength for a Lasting Faith*, *Enjoy: Finding the Freedom to Delight Daily in God's Good Gifts* (2016), *Fear and Faith: Finding the Peace Your Heart Craves* (2015) and *United: Captured by God's Vision for Diversity* (2014). Her writings on issues of faith, family and diversity have been published in the "Knoxville News-Sentinel," "Desiring God," "True Woman," "Christianity Today," The Gospel Coalition, and more. She also was a commentator for World Radio (a sister platform for "World Magazine"). She has spoken at numerous conferences, churches, women's retreats, colleges and seminaries, including True Woman, The Gospel Coalition Women's Conference, Southeastern Theological Seminary and more. She served seven years as director of community outreach for the Ethics and Religious Liberty Commission for the Southern Baptist Convention. She is currently an acquisitions editor for Moody Publishers.



### **Heather Thompson Day - Speaker, Author, Podcaster, Pastor's Wife**

Heather Thompson Day is an interdenominational speaker and has been a contributor for Religion News Service, "Christianity Today," "Newsweek" and the Barna Group. She also is the host of "Viral Jesus," a Christianity Today podcast. Heather is an associate professor of communications at Andrews University. She is passionate about supporting women and runs an online community called "I'm That Wife," which has more than 200,000 followers. She is the author of seven books; including *It's Not Your Turn*, and *Confessions of a Christian Wife*. She resides in Michigan, with her husband, Seth, and their three children: London, Hudson and Sawyer.

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### **Noah Oldham - Senior Director of Church Planting Deployment, Send Network**

From a small town in Southeastern Illinois, Noah began his ministry journey during his college years at Mckendree University, then came back home to serve as a youth pastor. In 2006, God began to call Noah and his wife, Heather, into church planting, leading Noah to earn his M.A.R. and M.Div. degrees at Liberty Baptist Theological Seminary. By 2009, August Gate launched in the school building of Trinity Lutheran Church in Souland, Illinois, as a plant from Matthias' Lot Church. In addition to leading August Gate, Noah also serves as senior director of church planting deployment for the North American Mission Board. Noah and Heather are blessed with five children: Allie, Chaim, Piper, Haddon and Dox.



### **J.T. English - Pastor, Author**

J.T. English is lead pastor of Storyline Fellowship in Arvada, Colorado, and author of *Deep Discipleship: How the Church Can Make Whole Disciples of Jesus*. He holds a Ph.D. in systematic theology from The Southern Baptist Theological Seminary and a Th.M. from Dallas Theological Seminary. J.T. and his wife, Macy, have two children.



### **James Hobson - Planter of Hill City Community Church**

James Hobson is the planter and pastor of Hill City Community Church in Lynchburg, Virginia. He is a regular guest lecturer in the Liberty Divinity School for the master's and undergraduate tracks and is a campus mobilizer for The Center for Ministry Training at Liberty University and the North American Mission Board. He founded the Vision Tour to host and provide exposure for National Ministry Representatives to Liberty University. He graduated from Liberty University with a bachelor of science in communications, with a specialization in advertising and public relations. He also received a master of arts in global studies from the Liberty University School of Divinity.