



**ELEVATE** is a residency in Church Planting that develops and trains spiritual leaders in a customized and contextual setting to be called, competent planters that plant new churches across the northwest. The Residency assesses a person's competencies and capacities (their present Elevation) and then designs a customized learning tract that focuses on the needs of the potential planter and then outfits them in such a way that **ELEVATEs** them with the necessary ministry and leadership skills to plant a new church.

**ELEVATE** is field based training that is anchored in practioners who are planting and ministering effectively. The grid of development focuses on 7 principles - 7 practices and 7 modules that outfit leaders to be sent them out into the harvest to plant.

## Church Planting Residency is for:

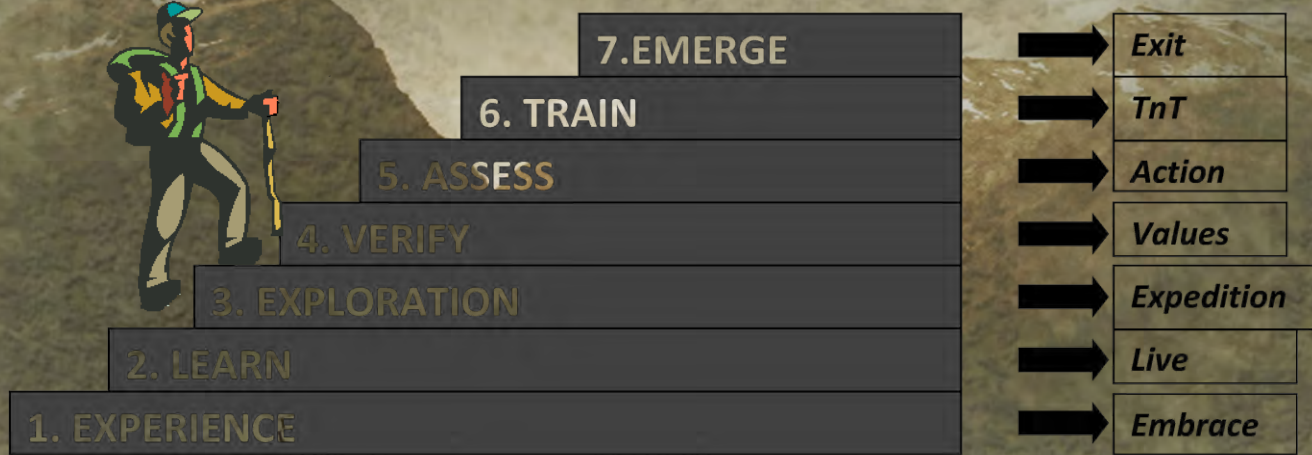
**ELEVATE** guides potential planters who is exploring whether church planting is the type of ministry that God has called and shaped them to do.

**ELEVATE** invests, develops and grooms church planters to be prepared to be sent out into the mission field as called, competent and qualified church planters.

**ELEVATE** gives potential planters a "backstage" experience of church planting and the life of planters, spouses and families.

**ELEVATE** is a preparation process for church planters. It is designed for interested church planters who feel God calling them to church planting work but who little experience in this ministry and/or are new to the culture of the northwest.

**ELEVATE** immerses the resident in a robust learning community with other planters and seasoned pastors and leaders where essentials are taught, learning communities are established and a laboratory of experiences are provided to develop the resident.



## ELEVATE - 7 principles

### Experience

A “backstage” culture of church planting and the real life experiences of a new church plant, culture, community of planters, wives, families and teams. Experience field based living and “best “practices discovered and lived out. Experience God, the lost, and believers in a real unchurched missional setting.

### Learn

Learn from practioners and immerse yourself in a learning community that focuses on application and lifestyle biblical discipleship. Live and learn in the trenches with like minded people.

### Explore

Trek with others on expeditions of exegeting culture and engaging lost communities. Engage lost people from different cultures and spiritual heritages. Become embedded missionaries that share life together as salt and light. Start missional discovery groups with lost people.

### Verify

Discover how God has shaped you over a life-time of experiences. Clarify God’s call, develop and live out a personal manifesto and Magna Carta. Discover and affirm your biblical values, God shaped vision and virtues. Live life and do ministry that is real and works.

### Assess

Develop an intentional growth tract with a constellation of mentors, coaches, huddles, networks and peers. Assess personal and ministry competencies and capacities. Mileposts and check points serve as markers of growth that measure progress and lead to evaluation and re-assessment. Building covenants with one another cause focused collaboration within the community.

### Train

Faith is to be both a noun and a verb. Develop the ability to apply theological insights with cultural experiences that cause confident living. Be biblically faithful, culturally applicable and more deeply devoted to Christ, His mission and others.

### Emergence

Exit into the harvest field with a team to plant a new church with great sense of call, character, competencies that add up to a confidence of knowing where do I fit and what I can do. How to develop a tactical plan including pre-launch and first year outlook the Launch Phase are:

- To monitor the resident's project plan, particularly the achievement of prospect and gatherable targets.
- To coach the resident through a successful ramp up to launching his church.



**TRACT 12** - "The Training in the 12" is a 12 week internship.  
**TRACT 112** - "The Training in the 112" is a one year residency.  
**TRACT 212** - "The Training in the 212" is a two year residency.

**ELEVATE** - 7 modules serve as the incubator training and curriculum.



The goal of each module is the formation and then the application that elevates your fitness as a follower of Christ and a minister of the gospel.

### 1. Spiritual Formation and Fitness

This focus is on knowing God and knowing thyself which is the basis of our walk with God. Real change occurs in self and others occurs through Christ and His Spirit as we apply and live out the truth of God's Word. Discover a process for personal spiritual fitness by experiencing the formation of and the work of Christ and His Spirit individually and as a community.

### 2. Missional Formation and Fitness

An expedition is different than taking a trip or a tour. During our time together two terrains will be explored.

First, explore new communities in an effort to discover where, and how, God is at work. Second, we believe that God will explore areas in your personal life where you may have never been.

Discover through Missional Expeditions the ability to experience God and know yourself through being "fishers of men". To be "fishers of men," which is the heart and basis for reaching people with the gospel ("lostness"), one must understand the kind of fish we have, how these fish "think," and what activities make up the rhythms of their lives. The goal of our expedition is to identify the types of people who live here and learn all we can about them—to know how to pray for them, identify barriers and how to effectively communicate the gospel and reach them for the Kingdom. Missional expeditions depart for key Montana cities and in a major city like Spokane, Seattle, Portland and Denver or other cities in Canada.

### 3. Gospel Formation and Fitness

The heart of the work of missions and being missional is found in the communication of the gospel. How has the power of the gospel impacted our lives? Cultivate and formulate a natural practice of communicating the gospel contextually. Discover apologetic approaches to bridge the gospel. The supremacy of Christ, the sufficiency of scripture and the power of the witness form the arsenal of gospel impact.

Discover and review how to proclaim Christ, communicate the gospel/scripture in ways consistent with truth and understandable to people through preaching.

### 4. Discipleship Formation and Fitness

Become a disciple of Christ by defining and displaying what is a disciple. Practice the personal fulfillment of II Timothy 2:2 so that you become a faithful reproducer of disciples. Develop an intentional disciple making process by focusing on raising a primary crop of disciples through relational based faith communities.



### **5. Leadership Formation and Fitness**


Learning to lead and be led by God and others. Grow through leadership passages. Cultivate the practices of decision making, problem solving, goal setting and other leadership disciplines. Learn how to lead others and cause others to follow and fulfill their given mission. Learn how to recruit, form and develop a team through difficulties and stages of growth. What is your leadership styles, conflict styles and how to deal with people and their styles? The Life and the lessons of leaders.

### **6. Congregational Formation and Fitness**


How does the church form in the culture you live in and will plant in? Discover how to balance the scriptural identity with the cultural context in order to understand what the church is. Learn how to form a small group and the various stages of gathering and forming a congregation from a crowd. Moving the church through growth stages and creating healthy reproducible systems and processes.

### **7. Mobilization and Strategic Planning and Fitness**

This is the major project of either forming a church planting team or becoming a significant part of the team. Outline the prospectus and plans of a new church by selecting and assessing community or people groups.

Selection Process for 

**See application process**

Review Process of 

**See formation stage**

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