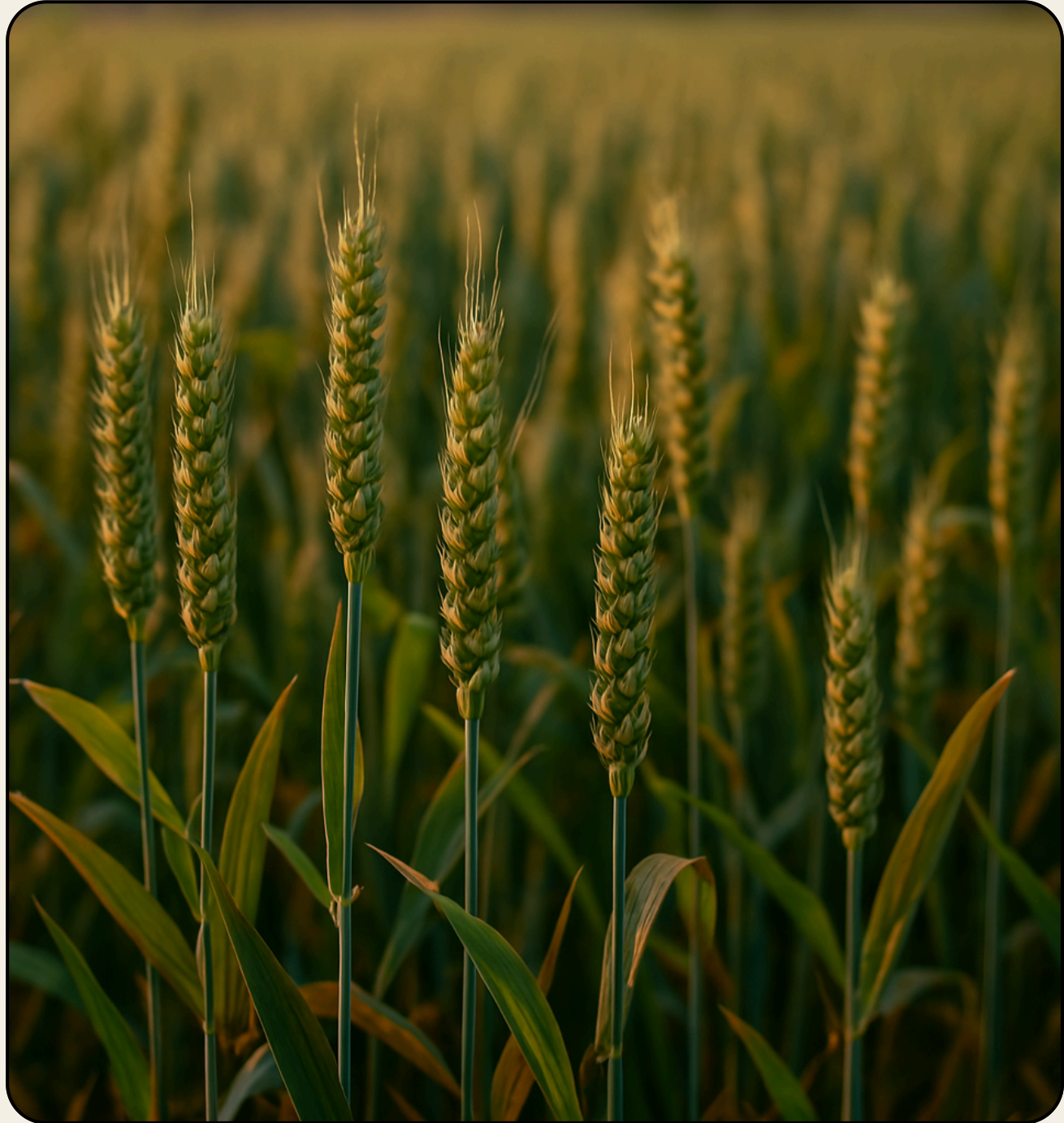




Church Planting Course

Preparing Church Planters for Urban India

August 2025 to June 2026



Course Introduction

The Church Planting Course is a 9-month intensive course crafted to train and equip individuals with a clear call to plant churches in India's urban context. This intensive programme provides theological grounding, practical leadership skills, and a strong network of support.

Matthew 9:37

"The harvest is plentiful,
but the workers are few."

Course Format Overview

Phase 1: Intensive Teaching (3 Months - August to October 2025)

A foundation-building period with fortnightly in-person sessions.

Phase 2: Monthly Teaching and Discussions (6 Months - January to June 2026)

Monthly gatherings offering advanced teaching along with open discussions and student sharing.

Phase 3: Practical Engagement and Coaching (Runs Parallel to Phase 2)

Students engage weekly in church planting activities, supported by regular one-on-one coaching.

3 Guest Sessions (October and November 2025)

Special guest speakers will equip students to engage meaningfully in today's complex contexts.

Group Projects and Learning Resources

Students will learn collaboratively through group projects, and from book and videos provided.

Exposure Trip

2-3 students per team will actively serve at various GMI outposts/churches in an overnight trip.

Topics of Teaching Sessions

PHASE 1

Laying the Foundations

- *Biblical Basis of Church Planting*
- *The Need for Kingdom Advancement*
- *Vision, Calling, and Leadership*
- *Spiritual Formation & Leader Well-being*

Evangelism and Community

- *Evangelism Strategies*
- *Prayer & Intercession*
- *Community Outreach*
- *Social Engagement*

Pastoral Care & Team Building

- *Supporting New Believers*
- *Discipleship Culture & Spiritual Covering*
- *Equipping Track*
- *Core Teams & Leadership Pipelines*

PHASE 2

- *Structuring Church Services*
- *Conflict Resolution and Mediation in Church Leadership*
- *Family Life of a Church Planter*
- *Doctrinal Stability*
- *Church Governance & Administration*
- *Spiritual Health & Resilience*

GUEST SESSIONS

- *Contextualized Apologetics for Multi-Religious Societies*
- *Legal and Regulatory Framework for Churches in India*
- *Technological Integration in Church Planting*

In-Person Teaching Sessions & Hub Arrangements

This is an in-person course with Hubs in:

- *Mumbai: Chembur, Powai, Colaba*
- *Hyderabad, Delhi, Chennai, etc (based on enrolment)*

Session Timings:

- *9.30am to 2pm (including lunch)*

Expectations:

- *At each hub, students are required to attend at the specified location.*
- *When a resource person is delivering a teaching session, it will be live streamed to other hubs so everyone can share the same learning experience. Viewing these sessions from home is not permitted.*
- *Only the guest sessions will also be streamed online for broader access; all other sessions will remain strictly in-person.*
- *Students will also be required to serve in different capacities such as setting up, leading worship, arranging refreshments and lunch, cleaning, handling PA and projection, etc.*

Who should apply?

This course is for:

- Individuals or couples who clearly intend to plant a church / cell / youth group and are willing to engage in planting efforts within 3 months from the start date of the course.
- Pastors and core team members from newly planted churches (within last 3 years)
- Leaders of Outposts.
- Leaders from struggling churches needing revitalisation.

Applicants must:

- Be a committed Christian and active church member (min. 24 months)
- Be water baptised and being discipled
- Be part of local church leadership
- Be recommended by a local pastor
- Be 18 years or older
- Have completed Grade 10 or be fluent in spoken and written English
- Clear the interview process

The maximum number of enrolments for this course is limited to 20 students.

Admission will be granted on a first-come, first-served basis, provided applicants meet the required criteria and successfully complete the interview process. Interested candidates are encouraged to apply early to secure a spot. The last date to apply for this course is 15th June 2025.

Course Fees

Total Fee: ₹10,000 per person

Students have the option of paying the fees as a lumpsum amount by 30th June 2025

Alternatively, students can pay the fees in two instalments

- Instalment 1: ₹5,000 by 30th June 2025*
- Instalment 2: ₹5,000 by 30th November 2025*

Additionally, students will need to bear their own expenses for travel to the meeting venue and shared lunch costs during teaching sessions, as well as expenses related to the exposure trip.

Contact Details

Apply early to secure your spot in the course!

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Expression of interest to join the course can be sent by Email or WhatsApp.

