

MILEPOSTS

Definition: Mile markers. The result of actions in a measurable progress. (Not the destination but the markers that must be passed in order to reach the destination.)

Why use Mileposts instead of a Calendar?

The goal is to plant **healthy** churches. This helps us **focus** on non-negotiables. (Example of launching a Sunday service) In a **calendar** driven effort you set yourself up to reach a marker on a particular day whether you are ready or not. Mileposts help you **organize** the **principles** that need to be taken to help you **measure progress**.

Mileposts are essential to help you assure your **readiness** to start. (If you attempt to create a milepost without God it will fall short! Do the 'hard work' with God first!)

Effective Mileposts (Are)...

- **Values** and **vision** driven
- **Realistic** (Tangible)
- **Flow** out of their relationship with other mileposts (Seem-less steps between mileposts)
- **Limited** in number (Specific)

(Some mileposts are transferable from one church to another but some will be unique to your culture and your church plant)

How Should we Word Our Mileposts?

- Actions that are **achieved** or objectives that are **obtained**.
- **Past**-tense. (Completed)

The Process to Develop Mileposts as You Go

- Begin with finding God's **plans**.
- **Brainstorm** (What mileposts need to be accomplished in the next 12-24 months?)
- Arrange them in a **sequence**.
- Identify the **critical** mileposts (Absolutes).
- Arrange them in a priority level with other **mileposts**.
- Identify the **tasks** that must be accomplished.

Additional Notes/Homework: