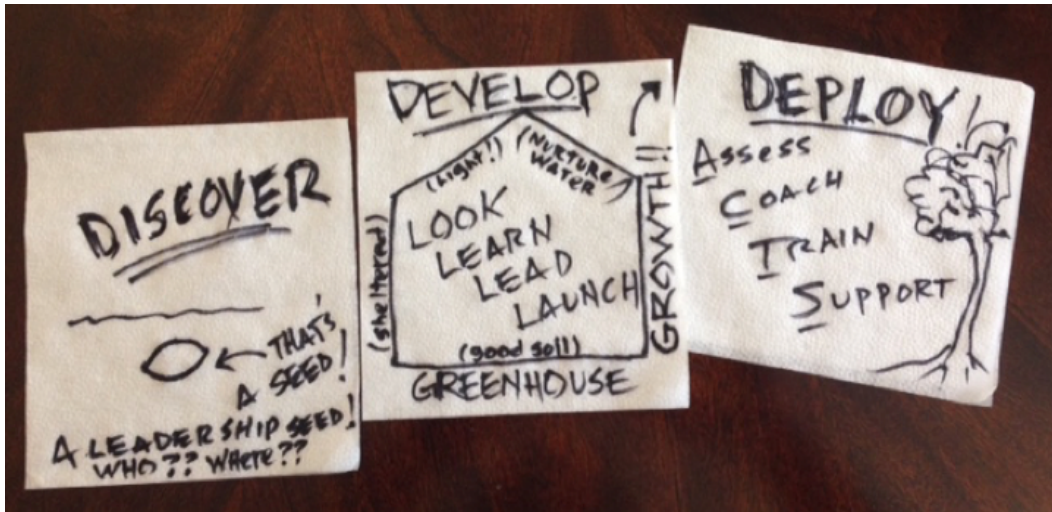


What Is a Greenhouse Environment?



A greenhouse provides a healthy, protective, nutritional environment for plants to grow and thrive. A seed isn't simply thrown into the soil right away. *Instead, a seed is nurtured and grown into a healthy "sapling" within the greenhouse.*

This is also true of the Greenhouse Environment (GHE). GHEs grow healthy church plants. They provide a nurturing environment for a "seed" (a leader-in-the-making, also called a GHE resident) to develop and become a "plant" (a team) that is transplanted into the field. District churches and leaders are like the gardeners who can help by watering and providing resources, but the local church is the greenhouse, the place where it all must happen. *Without the local church, there may be addition, but there is no multiplication.*

A GHE is any church or environment that willingly trains and sends leaders into the field. Churches of all sizes, ages, ethnicities, and styles can be a GHE. Many Alliance churches are already GHEs and our goal is to see all of our churches reach, teach, train, and send leaders into the field as part of our Christ-centered, Acts 1:8 family.

Three Keys to a Greenhouse Environment

1. Spirit – a willing in the church spirit to give itself away.
2. Strategy – a plan to discover, develop, and deploy leaders.
3. Structure – the resources, training, and support to launch these teams.

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