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| Data Collection Plan Milestone #5 |
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**Data Collection Plan: Chapter 3 Methodology – Milestone #5**

**The Data Collection Plan for this Qualitative work includes:**

* **Purposefully selected individuals** who have a good understanding of the phenomenon being studied.
* **Strategies to recruit** based on participant observation of missionaries and their robust zeal for serving in various areas of missions. I was also purposeful in selecting persons to participate who serve in leadership roles as well as lay members. In addition to this the strategy also included making sure we had representation from men and women, older and younger missionaries and persons who have served in missions for a long time as well as persons who are relatively new to missions at EBC or CCC.
* **Number of Sites and participants** – Two sites are under observation because the original site planted a church, and that church is carrying on the use of the mission service model under investigation. Various members have served at both congregations while some participants have only served at the church plant location known as Chosen City Church.
* **The total participants** – include 10 individuals across Ebenezer Baptist Church and Chosen City Church to include leadership and lay members of the mission team. The researcher believes the point of saturation will be met with 10 individuals.
* **Location** – the location where the interviews are taking place are largely left up to the participants in a way that best meets their schedules and comfortable space to be interviewed. The options presented to the participants included a Zoom call, in-person meeting, or a phone call. Each interview is recorded with the participants consent.
* **Interview Style** – Open ended questions will be asked, a total of 10 with corresponding follow-up questions the interviewer will ask to elaborate more on various points made by the interviewee. The interview is fully recorded and will be transcribed and put into the Qualitative Data tool Dedoose for analysis.
* **Additional Interview Protocols** – Interviewer will give an opening introduction and instructions noting the sessions will be from 1 hour to 1 hour and a half. The interviewee received a copy of the questions prior to the interview and is aware follow-up questions will be asked organically for additional elaboration as needed by the researcher. Interviewee is made a ware they can stop at any time if they need a break and are free to ask any additional questions as it relates to the survey beyond the information included in the consent form. The interviewee is informed that all their personal identifying information will not be disclosed in the formal product of the dissertation.
* **Prior to the formal interviews** - pilot interviews were conducted with three participants different from those who are participating in the formal process. The pilot interviews yielded information for the researcher to adjust in the questions, adding, deleting and or rewording.
* **Additional Information Captured** - Record information while observing, record descriptive notes, reflective notes (researchers’ thoughts and insights during observation period prior to the formal interview process)
* **Demographic information** – A small of amount of demographic information was collected with the individual consent forms. The researcher may utilize this information later for additional research purposes. The participants were told on the consent form this providing of personal demographic information was optional.
* **Primary Data** – The researcher is using primary data collected while serving as a participant observer. This includes field notes, information collected from a focus group discussion of missionaries from other African American churches and other documentation collected over the years of observation related to notices, newsletters, church announcements etc.