Digital wisdom: for large churches or for people who wish to begin a church planting work and grow their congregation over time to a large number:

A. **Since going digital requires great change**: This model is advanced and not all churches will have the structure to do this. Here is an idea you might like to use for your church planting: Instead of spending hundreds or thousands of dollars a year on songbooks, Bibles, etc., our focus will be on using digital resources and meeting at a home(s) to save on heavy costs.

   1. *The cost of a church building upkeep can be (if not careful) a distraction and time drain. Now there is nothing wrong with having a paid-for church building or in having physical materials. Many churches for personal reasons will want to keep this format. If your church planting: The great thing about church planting is you can more easily transition a new church to such structures as I'm outlining. If you find the reasons shared reasonably sound you may wish to.*

   2. *Digital Bibles and songbooks are personal, transportable, cheap and can be used outside of the church, anywhere, anytime, by individual members, by our groups, and by our visitors. Christians can get together for signings, for devotionals, and for personal studies. Unlike physical church hymnals and Bibles, (which stay at the church buildings) there is flexibility for digital use and each person who has a digital copy can claim ownership for daily use. You can also design songbooks by purchasing songs from groups like **Praise and Harmony** and have a company create the digital hymnal and make them digital.*

   3. *Most people have cell phones, and there are many free Bible apps and even songbook apps. We'll email/text the church members a recommended Bible app if a member does not have such on his/her phone and we'll send the app link for the COC songbook app. We'll introduce how to use these apps before worship begins. People are of course welcome to bring their own physical Bibles to worship, along with notebooks for recording Bible lessons and sermons, etc. People may want to bring their own materials from time to time, like sermons, and written down content for other reasons. That is of course fine.*

B. **During worship, digital resources can substitute physical resources. Bibles** (if they don't have a physical Bible) and **songbook**s can be used on the church member's phones. For first-time visitors, we'll explain/show how to access these apps before worship and have a few tablets with apps installed and ready to use, at hand for those (visitors) who don't have a cell phone or who come in late, etc. A tablet is around 30 dollars on Amazon.

    1. ***Bible apps:** I personally like "**Bible Hub**" - Android (English) And Apple (English). They also have this app in Spanish - Android and Apple. Note: such platforms include tablets, etc. Bible Hub is free, has no ads, and is pretty easy to use for looking up passages. There are commentaries, you can even look up a verse in Greek to see the original meaning behind a specific word. Bible hub is also a digital platform that can be accessed **online** when this name (Bible Hub) is searched for.*

       ***Besides Bible Hub, any Bible app works**. Most of you have Bible apps on your cell phone, use what works best for you. If a person wants to find more Bible apps, just search this term online. There are many other free Bible apps to choose from. **If the Bible study lessons can be digital in nature,** we'll focus on using such on our cell phones as well. They are better, in transporting, quick, 24/7 easy to access content, any time/anywhere with just a swipe of the cell phone. Digital Bible lessons are also cheaper to purchase than physical items.*

C. The **"Hymns for Worship"** book: I looked online and it's about 15 dollars for a songbook. Add that with a group of at least 10 people and that's about 150 dollars. If a group grows that adds up. Yet the **"Hymns for Worship" hymnal app"** is free for 10 people or for 100 people, etc. It's easy to use. You can give it a test drive. Here is the app for Android phones. For iPhones. Another format we might explore is in simply putting together a PDF hymnal (by purchasing hymns) and sharing that with our group. We might look into that in the future. Besides cell phones Christians can use their digital tablets for worship.

    1. **We will also focus on creating a bilingual group of believers.** When that happens our worship will reflect that. We'll have a Spanish Hymnal app called **"SDA Hymnal - Multi-Language"** This app is on Android and on Apple. This hymnal has user-friendly Spanish/English hymnals. Another good Bilingual hymnal is **"Gospel Hymn Book + Audio."** This app is on Android and Apple.

       ***A good Bible Spanish app** is "**La Biblia en Españo.**" Though it does have ads. You can get this app on Android and Apple. For personal use, I like the "**Bilingual Bible Now.**" This can be used with Android and Apple. This app is in both Spanish and English. It costs 10 dollars to remove ads for lifetime use But the app has English and Spanish side by side. It's a great Bible for parallel comparison word studies.*

D. **Conclusion:** The goal is to share Jesus with the Latino community. As well as immigrants from Peru, Cuba, Brazil, Columbia, Spain, etc. Our location for worship will be where these people are. For interested evangelism workers, there is also a **Boot Camp** company called **BaseLang** that can get you bilingual within 2 months to 6 months depending on the course. It's expensive but for those who want to reach out to the Latino community, such steps can help.

Everything will be focused on strengthening the body of Christ and in bringing others into Christ's family. When we need to baptize someone instead of paying for a church baptistery and its upkeep, we can use a pond, ocean, swimming pool, jacuzzi, large bath tub, etc. Funds are best used in reaching others for Jesus in soul-saving instead of building maintenance.