

Introduction to Movements

30 Minute Crash Course

INTRODUCTION: This isn't just about disciple making, but about MOVEMENT. We do what we've observed.

PROBLEM: Our current methods hamstringing the movement of the gospel because they...

- Depend on an expert, professional, or charismatic leader rather than empowering every disciple to be disciple-makers
- Are difficult to reproduce because they are costly, bloated, slow, and institutionalized
 - Cost per baptism in USA \$1,500,000 vs. \$0.12 in India CPM
- Aren't multiplicative, but instead focus on linear growth
- Do not scale with growth
- Extract new converts of UPG from their social circles of influence rather than implanting the gospel in the household whereby groups come to faith (as is the norm in the NT)
- Overly reliant on human effort rather than the Spirit's power
- Can not compete with the global growth rate

WHAT IS GOD DOING AROUND THE WORLD?

God is responding by unleashing disciple-making movements that are catalyzing disciples, churches, and more movements! There are over 1,000 currently active in the world today.

A movement is defined as multiple streams of church planting at least four generations deep.

WHAT TRAITS ARE NECESSARY FOR MOVEMENT TO HAPPEN?

1. SPIRIT LED, SPIRIT EMPOWERED: There is awareness that only God can start movements. As disciples we can, however, follow biblical principles to pray, plant, and water the seeds that can lead to movements like those we see in Acts.
 - a. *John 6:44–45*
2. EVERY FOLLOWER A MULTIPLIER: The focus is to make every follower of Christ a reproducing disciple rather than merely a convert.
 - a. *Matthew 28:16–20*
3. PEER ACCOUNTABILITY: Simple patterns are used which create frequent and regular accountability for both obeying what the Lord is speaking to each person and for him to pass it on to others in a loving environment. This requires a participative small-group approach.
 - a. *Hebrews 10:19–25*
4. BECOMING A DISCIPLE WORTH MULTIPLYING: Each disciple is equipped in comprehensive ways (such as interpreting and applying Scripture, a well-rounded prayer life, functioning as a part of the larger Body of Christ, and responding well to persecution/

suffering) in order that he might function not merely as a consumer, but as an active agent of Kingdom advance.

a. *Ephesians 4:17-5:21*

5. HERE, NEAR, AND FAR-VISION: Each disciple is given a vision both for reaching his relational network and for extending the Kingdom to the ends of the earth with a prioritization on the darkest places (with a “no place left” mentality-Rom. 15: 23). They are equipped to be able to minister and partner with others in the Body of Christ in both of these environments.

a. *Acts 1:8*

6. MULTIPLICATION AT EVERY LEVEL: Reproducing churches are intentionally formed as a part of the process of multiplying disciples. The intent in CPM/ DMM approaches is that 1) disciples, 2) churches, 3) leaders and 4) movements can multiply endlessly by the power of the Spirit.

a. *2 Timothy 2:2*

7. BIBLICAL PRINCIPLES OF MULTIPLICATION: Emphasis is not on the specific model of CPM/ DMM used, but on the underlying biblical principles of multiplying kingdom movements.

a. *Patterns of disciple-making in New Testament analyzed*

WHAT CAN WE DO AS SHORT TERMS IN JUST A FEW DAYS TO SERVE AND COME ALONGSIDE THOSE WHO ARE THERE FOR THE LONG TERM?

- Spend your preparation time focusing on spiritual vitality, including spending daily time with the Lord journaling, praying, and dwelling in His Word.
 - Don't know where to begin in the Word? Check out...
 - <https://www.revolvechurchnj.com/discover>
 - <https://www.revolvechurchnj.com/news/post/how->
 - Need some help with your prayer life?
 - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Z2-xmG1ZfwI&t=4s>
 - https://gallery.mailchimp.com/254b4ad3204983489003adcf1/files/Biglife_1_HourPrayerWheel.01.pdf
 - New to fasting?
 - <https://document.desiringgod.org/a-hunger-for-god-en.pdf?ts=1446646561>
 - Want to learn more about being filled with the Holy Spirit? [Check out this book.](#)
- Begin prayer walking and making spiritual statements NOW. (POWER ENCOUNTER)
 - https://gallery.mailchimp.com/254b4ad3204983489003adcf1/files/Biglife_PrayerWalkingGuide.pdf