

Instilling Reproduction



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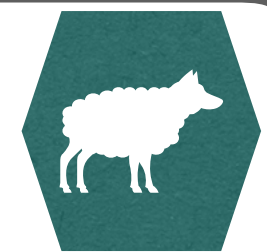
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Key Idea: Although we cannot force God to multiply spiritual fruit through formulas there are some good practices that help us to position ourselves to be used by God to expand the kingdom.

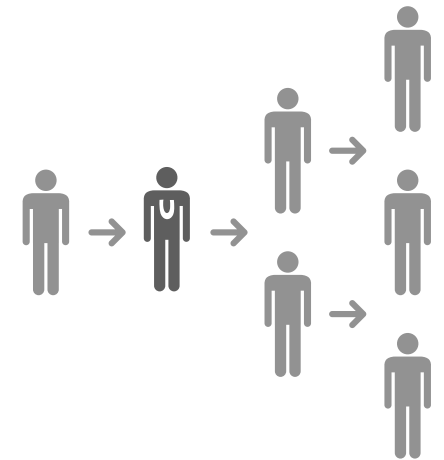
Reliance on the Holy Spirit



“But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth.” (Acts 1:8)

Key Idea: Reliance on the Holy Spirit is absolutely essential to reproduction and we must never rely solely on good and clever methods to reach the nations.

The 222 Principle



“...and what you have heard from me in the presence of many witnesses entrust to faithful men, who will be able to teach others also.” (2 Timothy 2:2)

Key Idea: Teach what you have learned to others who will also be faithful to teach others.

A Clear, Simple Pattern



In ancient times the bride had to sew her own dress because clothes could not be bought in stores. The pattern would need to be simple as brides were often poor, young, and inexperienced. Very few brides could afford or had the skill to make complicated dresses. When we make church (the Bride) and discipleship too complicated we hinder growth and reproducibility and our message and purpose get lost.

*“‘Let us rejoice and exult and give him the glory, for the marriage of the Lamb has come, and his Bride has made herself ready; **it was granted her to clothe herself with fine linen, bright and pure’— for the fine linen is the righteous deeds of the saints.** And the angel said to me, ‘Write this: **Blessed are those who are invited to the marriage supper of the Lamb.**’ And he said to me, ‘These are the true words of God.’” (Revelations 19:7-9)*

*“And he said to them, ‘Well did Isaiah prophesy of you hypocrites, as it is written, “**This people honors me with their lips, but their heart is far from me; in vain do they worship me, teaching as doctrines the commandments of men.**” You leave the commandment of God and hold to the tradition of men.’” (Mark 7:6-8)*

Key Idea: In order to prepare the Bride of Christ effectively we need a simple plan or pattern for sharing our faith and discipleship.

Share the Gospel With Family, Friends, and Acquaintances



*“So he invited them in to be his guests.
The next day he rose and went away with them, and some of the
brothers from Joppa accompanied him. And on the following
day they entered Caesarea. **Cornelius was expecting them
and had called together his relatives and close friends.**
When Peter entered, Cornelius met him and fell down at his feet
and worshiped him. But Peter lifted him up, saying, “Stand up; I
too am a man.” And as he talked with him, **he went in and
found many persons gathered.**” (Acts 10:23-27)*

*“How then will they call on him in whom they have not believed? **And how are they to believe in him of whom they have never heard? And how are they to hear without someone preaching?** And how are they to preach unless they are sent? As it is written, **“How beautiful are the feet of those who preach the good news!”** But they have not all obeyed the gospel. For Isaiah says, “Lord, who has believed what he has heard from us?” So faith comes from hearing, and hearing through the word of Christ.” (Romans 10:14-17)*

Key Idea: Sharing the Gospel with family, friends, and acquaintances is essential to reproduction. The Gospel often travels best among relational lines.

Baptize Immediately When Possible



*“And the eunuch said to Philip, ‘About whom, I ask you, does the prophet say this, about himself or about someone else?’ Then Philip opened his mouth, and beginning with this Scripture he told him the good news about Jesus. **And as they were going along the road they came to some water, and the eunuch said, ‘See, here is water! What prevents me from being baptized?’** And he commanded the chariot to stop, and they both went down into the water, Philip and the eunuch, and he baptized him.” (Acts 8:34-38)*

*“So Ananias departed and entered the house. And laying his hands on him he said, ‘Brother Saul, the Lord Jesus who appeared to you on the road by which you came has sent me so that you may regain your sight and be filled with the Holy Spirit.’ **And immediately something like scales fell from his eyes, and he regained his sight. Then he rose and was baptized;**” (Acts 9:17-18)*

*“Then he brought them out and said, ‘Sirs, what must I do to be saved?’ And they said, ‘Believe in the Lord Jesus, and you will be saved, you and your household.’ And they spoke the word of the Lord to him and to all who were in his house. And he took them the same hour of the night and washed their wounds; **and he was baptized at once, he and all his family.**” (Acts 16:30-33)*

Key Idea: Baptize immediately when possible to set a pattern of hear and obey.

Teach Basic Discipleship



Key Idea: Little or no discipleship for new believers creates destructive patterns that are difficult to overcome.

Keep People Accountable



*“Therefore, **confess your sins to one another and pray for one another**, that you may be healed. The prayer of a righteous person has great power as it is working.” (James 5:16)*

*“**Iron sharpens iron, and one man sharpens another.**” (Proverbs 27:17)*

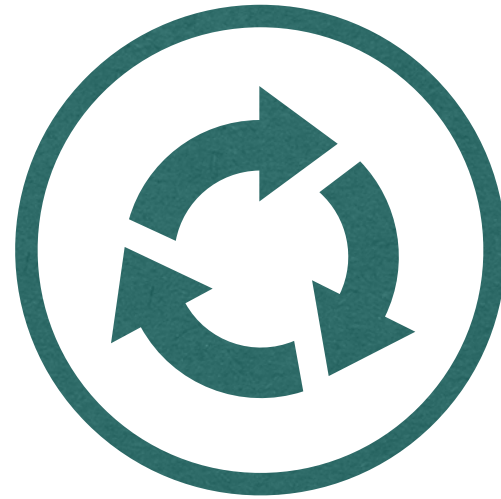
Key Idea: Accountability is essential to reproduction as it reinforces obedience to the commands of Christ.

Frequent Vision Casting



Key Idea: Cast vision often to help people clearly understand and remember why we do what we do.

Repeat Things Often



*“Hear, O Israel: The LORD our God, the LORD is one. You shall love the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your might. **And these words that I command you today shall be on your heart. You shall teach them diligently to your children, and shall talk of them when you sit in your house, and when you walk by the way, and when you lie down, and when you rise**. You shall bind them as a sign on your hand, and they shall be as frontlets between your eyes. You shall write them on the doorposts of your house and on your gates.” (Deuteronomy 6:4-9)*

Key Idea: Repetition is essential to learning and so important information should be repeated often.

Transfer Leadership Quickly (but Also Cautiously!)



*“When they had preached the gospel to that city and had made many disciples, they returned to Lystra and to Iconium and to Antioch, strengthening the souls of the disciples, encouraging them to continue in the faith, and saying that through many tribulations we must enter the kingdom of God. **And when they had appointed elders for them in every church, with prayer and fasting they committed them to the Lord in whom they had believed.**” (Acts 14:19-23)*

“Do not be hasty in the laying on of hands, nor take part in the sins of others; keep yourself pure. (No longer drink only water, but use a little wine for the sake of your stomach and your frequent ailments.) The sins of some people are conspicuous, going before them to judgment, **but the sins of others appear later.** So also good works are conspicuous, and even those that are not cannot remain hidden.” (1 Timothy 5:22-25)

Key Idea: Transfer leadership quickly through mentoring to help members take ownership of the group from the beginning. But also do this with caution as some character problems only become visible over time.

Things That Hurt Reproduction

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- The 5 star teacher mentality
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- Outside Money
- Avoiding conflict
- False teaching and teachers
- Overly security and safety conscious



Key Idea: There are a few things that can really hurt our efforts to reproduce groups.

The 5 Star Teacher Mentality (Only Professionals Can Do It)



*“And he gave the apostles, the prophets, the evangelists, the shepherds and teachers, **to equip the saints for the work of ministry**, for building up the body of Christ, until we all attain to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to mature manhood, to the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ, so that we may no longer be children, tossed to and fro by the waves and carried about by every wind of doctrine, by human cunning, by craftiness in deceitful schemes.” (Ephesians 4:11-14)*

Key Idea: Avoid giving the impression that only trained professionals or really gifted teachers can share the gospel, disciple new believers, or lead home groups.

Just Sit and Listen (You Don't Know Enough Yet)



*“And immediately something like scales fell from his eyes, and he regained his sight. Then he rose and was baptized; and taking food, he was strengthened. For some days he was with the disciples at Damascus. **And immediately he proclaimed Jesus in the synagogues, saying, ‘He is the Son of God.’”** (Acts 9:18-20)*

*“The man from whom the demons had gone begged that he might be with him, but **Jesus sent him away**, saying, ‘**Return to your home, and declare how much God has done for you.**’ And he went away, proclaiming throughout the whole city how much Jesus had done for him.” (Luke 8:38-39)*

Key Idea: Avoid telling people that they need to sit and learn more before they start living out their faith and sharing the gospel with others.

Outside Money



Key Idea: Money from outside sources can be very destructive if misused because it creates unhealthy dependancies and destroys spiritual maturity.

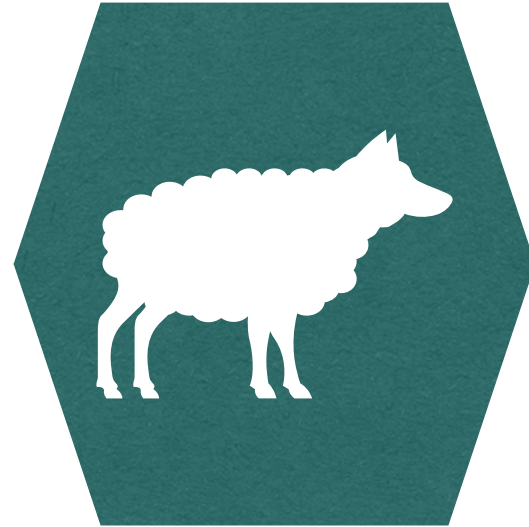
Avoiding Conflict



*“It is actually reported that there is sexual immorality among you, and of a kind that is not tolerated even among pagans, for a man has his father's wife. And you are arrogant! Ought you not rather to mourn? Let him who has done this be removed from among you. For though absent in body, I am present in spirit; and as if present, I have already pronounced judgment on the one who did such a thing. When you are assembled in the name of the Lord Jesus and my spirit is present, with the power of our Lord Jesus, you are to deliver this man to Satan for the destruction of the flesh, so that his spirit may be saved in the day of the Lord. Your boasting is not good. **Do you not know that a little leaven leavens the whole lump?** Cleanse out the old leaven that you may be a new lump, as you really are unleavened.” (1 Corinthians 5:1-7)*

Key Idea: Avoiding conflict creates increasing tension in a group and discourages others from joining the group.

Ignoring False Teachers (And False Teaching)



“Beware of false prophets, who come to you in sheep's clothing but inwardly are ravenous wolves. You will recognize them by their fruits. Are grapes gathered from thornbushes, or figs from thistles? So, every healthy tree bears good fruit, but the diseased tree bears bad fruit. A healthy tree cannot bear bad fruit, nor can a diseased tree bear good fruit. Every tree that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire. Thus you will recognize them by their fruits.” (Matthew 7:15-20)

“But I have this against you, that you tolerate that woman Jezebel, who calls herself a prophetess and is teaching and seducing my servants to practice sexual immorality and to eat food sacrificed to idols.” (Revelations 2:20)

Key Idea: Ignoring false teachers and doctrines leads to divisions and group members falling away from the faith.

Overly Security and Safety Conscious



“Whoever does not bear his own cross and come after me cannot be my disciple. For which of you, desiring to build a tower, does not first sit down and **count the cost**, whether he has enough to complete it? Otherwise, when he has laid a foundation and is not able to finish, all who see it begin to mock him, saying, ‘This man began to build and was not able to finish.’” (Luke 14:27-30)

*“And **a person's enemies will be those of his own household.** Whoever loves father or mother more than me is not worthy of me, and whoever loves son or daughter more than me is not worthy of me. And **whoever does not take his cross and follow me is not worthy of me. Whoever finds his life will lose it, and whoever loses his life for my sake will find it.** (Matthew 10:36-39)*

*“And when they had brought them, they set them before the council. And the high priest questioned them, saying, ‘We strictly charged you not to teach in this name, yet here you have filled Jerusalem with your teaching, and you intend to bring this man's blood upon us.’ But Peter and the apostles answered, **‘We must obey God rather than men.’**”
(Acts 9:18-20)*

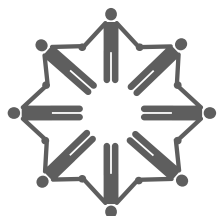
“and when they had called in the apostles, they beat them and charged them not to speak in the name of Jesus, and let them go. Then they left the presence of the council, rejoicing that they were counted worthy to suffer dishonor for the name. And every day, in the temple and from house to house, they did not cease teaching and preaching that the Christ is Jesus.” (Acts 9:40-42)

Key Idea: Avoid being overly security and safety conscious as this discourages new believers from developing a healthy and biblical view of persecution.

Case Study 1



You share your faith with a friend and he receives Christ. What are some things you should do within the first few hours, days, and weeks with this new believer to instill reproducibility? Use the Bible to justify your answer.

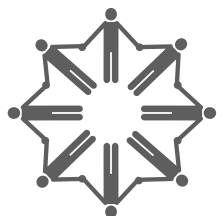


**Break up into groups and discuss.
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Case Study 2



You share with several friends and they become believers. They then shared with several of their friends and you now have a group of 6 people. For several months you have been meeting with this group for discipleship. What steps should you be taking at this stage to instill reproducibility with these fairly new believers.

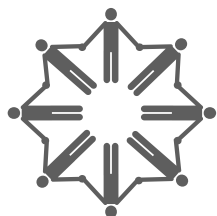


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Case Study 3



You have been leading a group of four believers for six months and you feel that the group members are not growing spiritually. They are not sharing their faith and they do not seem to be maturing in their understanding of the Bible or applying it to their daily lives in any meaningful way. What are some possible reasons why this group is not growing? What are some things you might change to help this group grow in maturity?

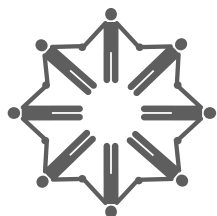


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Case Study 4



You have been leading a Bible study for several years. Your group members are not sharing their faith and are not being obedient to apply what they are learning in their daily life. What can you do to change this? If you do not see change in the near future should you continue to lead this group or try to begin a new group? Where should you spend your time for reproducibility?

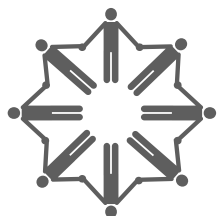


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Case Study 5



There are two men in your group who do not like each other. These men are constantly creating division by spreading rumors and continually trying to convince other members of the group to take sides against each other. You have gone to each of the men personally but the issue has not been resolved. What should you do next?

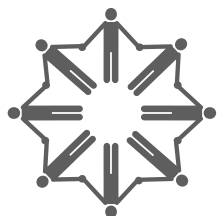


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Case Study 6



A new person recently entered your group. From another church tradition from which you are not familiar. He/she begins to cause division within the group by expressing theological opinions that have no basis in the Bible. What should you do next? Use scriptures to back up your answer.



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