



MOVEMENT GATHERING

SPRING 2022

01 Multiplication Mandate

I. Introduction [7 minutes]

1. Welcome everyone. So excited to be together again! # Welcome any 1st timers, and any special guests.
2. Grateful for all that God is doing. Fresh wind of his Spirit. We are on crest of greater things as His people. WE MARE FOLLOWING GOD'S NARRATIVE – Society may not be getting better, but His church is becoming stronger and more focused. He is building his church! We are victorious. Our best days are still ahead.
3. God has brought us all together as a family. For over 70 years, He has been growing our family and strengthening our relationships, and our purpose. **We are family.** We have our own individual churches with unique characteristics and personalities, but we share the same distinctives and DNA.
#Different first names, but same last names.
4. We all have chosen not just to **WALK** together in relationship WITH Jesus, but we have chosen to **WORK** together to reach this world FOR Jesus. We are **RELATIONAL** and we are **MISSIONAL**! Together we are strengthening each other in relationships, equipping, collaboration, and resources.
5. Just a few years ago, we the shared vision to guide our churches on a "**Journey Toward Multiplication.**" It is a word of the LORD to us and his great Church in this hour! Part of end-time harvest strategy.
 - **Built on Family Vision to Multiply** –Ourselves, our leaders, our churches, our network, a Movement.
 - **SLIDE** We discussed the **path to accomplish this vision** – Four Phases/Seasons.
 - **SLIDE S1 – Healthy Leader** – Multiplication starts with a healthy leader – Hopefully you have done some self-assessment and made changes to make you a better pastor/leader.
 - **SLIDE S2 – Clearly Defined Model** – [Last season] The context of multiplication is a healthy church with a reproducible model. Our last Group season, we discussed the different attributes that must be healthy and in place to scale and reproduce. Once again, I hope you took the time to make these attributes a priority in your churches.
#Honor Danny/Jamie for efforts on Videos/Notes – STILL AVAILABLE www.Mannahouseressource.com
 - **SLIDE S3 – Multiplication Practices** – Healthy churches have the multiplication DNA worked into the practices of the church. [This season of groups – Exponential book]
 - **SLIDE S4 – Culture is created and sustained through a discipleship pathway.** [Next season]
 - **SLIDE LEADER + MODEL + PRACTICES + PATHWAY = MULTIPLICATION** [plus Jesus, Holy Spirit...]
6. Today, we are officially moving into next season, "**Multiplication Practices.**" I believe this to be a God-time for us and His church overall. This truly is a key-doctrine that is missing today and must be understood and infused into the foundation of our churches! Session, "**The Multiplication Mandate.**"

PRAY

#Few weeks ago, I found myself skimming through a familiar website, "**Ancestry.com**" I was on a curiosity journey to find out more about who I was and where I came from. I knew my grandparents, but what about their parents, and their parents-parents, etc. Through a little research, I discovered the earliest reference to my family-tree dates to the 14th century, "D'Este" family in Italy. The d'Este's ruled

the state of Ferrara throughout the Renaissance. Alfonso d'Este (1486-1534 - My great²⁰ grandfather] became the Duke of Ferrara in 1505. He was an ambitious Renaissance prince, achieving wealth and influence through alliance with France and Spain. Hundreds of years later a small clan came to America, dropped "D" and added "s" = Estes. Since the 14th century, tens of thousands of my family have spread out over 40 countries, over a dozen of different languages. Related but never met them!

1. What a fascinating journey and exercise for me! I was overwhelmed with the thought of how my family has greatly multiplied from ONE MAN, **Alonso D'Este** to 10,000's over the past centuries.
2. I then began thinking about our own church and how the 13 original members have become a family:
 - Several thousand spread over region in five campuses, representing 60 ethnicities and generations.
 - Over 80 churches planted that have reproduced and reached hundreds of thousands more.
 - MFI now networked with over 10,000 worldwide.
 - PBC who has trained over 5500 leaders in 60+ nations, reaching countless people.
 - MCA who has educated almost 15,000 students who are spread throughout the globe.
 - Resources – Books, Cassettes, Papers, conferences equipped millions of people.
 - YOU – Church plants and adopted family = 80+ churches! EACH OF YOU touching nations. **AMEN!**
3. I next pondered thoughts about **ALL God's people**; All started with just two in a garden! From Adam and Eve until now, there are 20+ Billion people that have born from the beginning of time. 7.4 billion alive right now. Mankind has greatly multiplied! **Billions of believers, yet 4.3Billion that don't know Jesus yet!**

I wonder, what was God thinking when 'it' all began? Why are there billions of people? What was His plan? Furthermore, what's his plan for us? Why are we here? What's our purpose as leaders, Churches?

II. **SLIDE** A Mandate to Multiply [3 minutes]

1. You have to start by looking at the very first words spoken to mankind in Genesis 1; **A Multiplication Mandate!** In this **first conversation between God & man**, we see the four-fold purpose of mankind:
SLIDE Genesis 1:27-28 ESV God created man in his own image, in the image of God he created him; male and female he created them. ²⁸ And God blessed them. And God said to them, "Be fruitful and multiply [NOT plateau, decline or add, maintain, hold the fort, coast, retire...] and fill the earth and subdue it.
2. We see our Multiplication Mandate defined: **THIS IS GOD'S CALL ON YOU!!!**
SLIDE **Multiply Defined** [Rabah] = "To become great, numerous, exponentially increase continually." **YOU**
SLIDE **Mandate Defined**
 - Webster's: "An authoritative /command to act /in a particular way,/ toward a critical end."
 - Leader: "An order given by God that must be obeyed without question or delay."
3. The **multiplication mandate** was passed on through the generations from God to man - **98 TIMES in Bible!** He didn't want ANY GENERATION to forget this key attribute of our original mandate. Here are a few:
Genesis 9:1 [Noah] So God **blessed** Noah & his sons, said to them: "Be fruitful and multiply and fill the earth.
Genesis 22:17 [Abraham] I will **bless** you, and multiplying I will multiply your descendants as the stars of the heaven and as the sand, which is on the seashore...
Genesis 28:3 [Isaac] May God Almighty **bless** you, And make you fruitful and multiply you
Genesis 38:11 [Jacob] I **am** God Almighty. Be fruitful and multiply; a nation and a company of nations shall proceed from you, and kings shall come from your body.
Exodus 32:13 [Moses] Remember Abraham, Isaac, and Israel, Your servants, to whom You swore by Your own self, and said to them, 'I will multiply your descendants as the stars of heaven...
Deuteronomy 7:13 [Nation of Israel] And He will love you and **bless** you and multiply you...

VERY
BRIEF

- God knew that if we were to reach the entire globe, filled with people far from Him, that we needed to make multiplication one of our highest priorities!

SLIDE Example: TWO MATHEMATICAL EQUATIONS = The power of multiplication

- Addition – $1+2+3+4+5+6+7+8+9+10 = 54$
- Multiplication – $1 \times 2 \times 3 \times 4 \times 5 \times 6 \times 7 \times 8 \times 9 \times 10 = 3,628,800$

Same numbers, same amount of transactions, yet change symbol = 67,200 times more quantity.

The Power of Multiplication – If you were the only believer on planet earth and you led one person to Christ in one year and taught them to in turn do likewise, you could reach every person in 33 years~

- God wants us to see that this is EXACTLY what He had in mind when he created us.

III. **SLIDE** Jesus Lived a Life of Multiplication [3 minutes]

BRIEF

- Jesus spent more time with twelve men than all of humanity combined. He knew he had just over three years, while here on earth, to reach a few knuckleheads, raw recruits and shape them into becoming reproducing disciples that would in turn reach the world for Christ. **Multiplication was at the core of his disciple-making plan.**
- A. Jesus followed a very methodical plan of raising and reproducing new leaders. From the first contact with His disciples until the final meeting before His ascension, these multiplication principles are seen.

SLIDE [Read columns, not rows]

Jesus' Method	Principle Learned
I teach, you listen	Preparation
I do, you watch	Observation
I do, you help	Cooperation
You do, I help	Application
You do, I watch	Delegation
You do, I'm gone	Multiplication

- There are four principles Jesus used to multiply the message of the Gospel to the ends of the earth:

#WE MUST ALL HAVE A CLEAR DISCIPLESHIP PATHWAY THAT MOVES PEOPLE ON THIS JOURNEY

- SLIDE DIGRAM Step One: Calling**

He spent many months searching and observing those in the crowds. When He saw those whom He would choose, he put out the plea, "Come, follow me." (Luke 5)

- Step Two: Training**

He spent the first stage of their relationship training the disciples in the ministry of the Kingdom. His 1st phase of ministry was primarily solo acts, with the disciples observing and learning. (Mark 3:7-14)

- Step Three: Sending**

Once they were trained, He would ultimately sent them out to become agents of the gospel message and would bring them back together to care, coach and develop them. (Luke 10)

- Step Four: MULTPLYING**

When He communicated His plans to leave, He commanded them to take the calling, training and sending and now reproduce themselves throughout the earth. (see Matthew 28:19; Acts 1:8)

SLIDE Matthew 28:19 "Go therefore and **make disciples** of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit,"

Billy Graham - "If you had to do it all over again, what would you do different?" **"I'd choose twelve men."**

IV. SLIDE The Early Church Lived for Multiplication [1 minute]

BRIEF

1. The disciples received the promise and mandate from Jesus to take the gospel to the ends of the earth, establish local churches whereby they could make disciples and in turn extend God's kingdom.
Their dedication to this multiplication principle is evidenced throughout scripture and in the fact that the church extends to the corners of the earth today.
SLIDE Acts 1:8 120pp! But when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, you will receive power and will tell people about me everywhere--in Jerusalem, throughout Judea, in Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.
2. Acts 2-5 we see they 'added' to the church daily. But in Acts 6, "addition" is no longer mentioned, and they began to **multiply**. Simply because the discipleship season had produced reproducing leaders.
Acts 6:7 Then the word of God spread, and the number of the disciples **multiplied greatly** in Jerusalem, and a great many of the priests were obedient to the faith."
Acts 12:24 ...But the word of God grew and **multiplied**.
3. And Paul lives this mandate out:
2 Timothy 2:2, "And the things that you have heard from me among many witnesses, commit these to faithful men who will be able to teach others to do likewise..."
4x factor presented: Paul + Timothy + Faithful Men + Teach Others = Multiplication
4. That mandate has been passed down for the last 2000 years and we are here today as a result! AMEN?

V. SLIDE We Are to Live a Life of Multiplication [25 minutes] I WANT TO DIVE IN HERE!

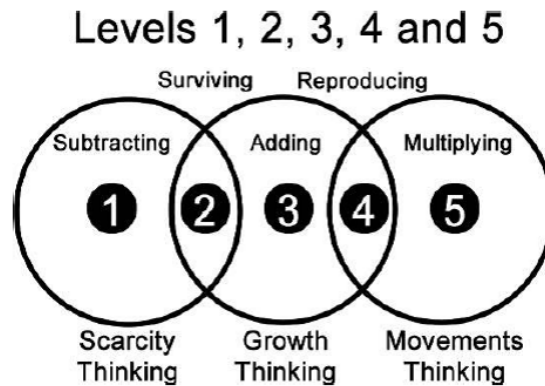
1. **Here is where this now applies to everyone in this room.** Paul ties the doctrine of Multiplication as seen in Abraham and puts it right into **our lap**. He says...
SLIDE Galatians 3:29 NLT And now that **YOU** belong to Christ, **[SAY, that's me!]** you are the true children of Abraham. You are his heirs, and God's promise to Abraham **belongs to you**. (*Rom. 4:13; Gal. 4:28*)
2. **It is not just a mandate. It is not just our purpose. It is our inheritance!** We are heirs of a promise. People are our inheritance. Our reward in heaven is attached to people that we have reached and discipled!
Psalms 2:8 Ask of me and I will give you the **nations for your inheritance** [blessing].
1 Thessalonians 2:19-20 For what *is* our hope, or joy, or crown of rejoicing? **It is even you** in the presence of our Lord Jesus Christ at His coming? **For you are our glory and joy.**

A. SLIDE Multiple Church Cultures Today

VERY BRIEF

1. A culture = "A way of life of a group of people--the behaviors, beliefs, values, and symbols that they accept, generally without thinking about them, and are passed along by communication and imitation."
2. **DIAGRAM** All 360,000+ churches in the U.S. experience one of the following three cultures. Building by:
 - Subtraction
 - Addition
 - Multiplication
3. **DIAGRAM** Each of these cultures has unique distinctives that shape its member's thinking, its leader's decision making, and the norms of behavior.
 - Subtraction = **scarcity thinking** [we don't have the money, the people, wrong timing, we're different]
 - Addition = **growth thinking** [fill our seats and keep them, build our own empire].
 - Multiplication = **movement thinking** [This is our mandate and should be our vision and goal].

4. **DIAGRAM** In practice, there is an overlap and blending between these cultures; they are not completely isolated and distinct from one another. **(ADDED SURVIVING AND REPRODUCING)**
5. **DIAGRAM** THESE CREATE 5 DISTINCT LEVELS OF CHURCH HEALTH



SLIDE

80% are Level 1-2 churches
 16% are Level 3 churches
 4% are Level 4 churches
 .1% are Level 5 churches

6. Most in Level 1-2 because Western Church culture has created these cultures:
 - Keep vs. Send culture.
 - Spectator vs. Participator culture.
 - Decision vs. Disciple culture.
 - Program-focused vs. People-focused culture
 - Separatist vs. Engaged culture
 - Resulting in a stagnant, complacent, non-committal, non-owner, dualistic critics.
7. **So how do we make the necessary enhancements to further guide us toward fulfilling our mandate of multiplication? HERE ARE FIVE DISCIPLINES WE MUST ACTIVATE TOGETHER!**

B. **SLIDE #1 Create a Multiplication Mindset**

1. **So goes the leader, so goes the church.** If you don't have the revelation, passion and discipline to multiply, no one in your church family will. **#Me in pulpit, me with Derrill, VLT, PastorsPDX – Multiply!!!**
2. **Some step you might prayerfully consider:**
 - **Pray** – Ask God, to help you see His plan for multiplication and to give you a multiplication anointing.
 - **Study** – Do an in-depth study on the doctrine of multiplication.
 - **Read** – Hero Maker AND Exponential by Dave Ferguson.
 - **Groups** – This Spring, our GF Groups will be centered on Exponential Book. **#treat like Cohort**
 - **Dream** – About the churches you can plant, nations you can reach, inheritance you can receive.

C. **SLIDE #2 Create a Multiplication Culture**

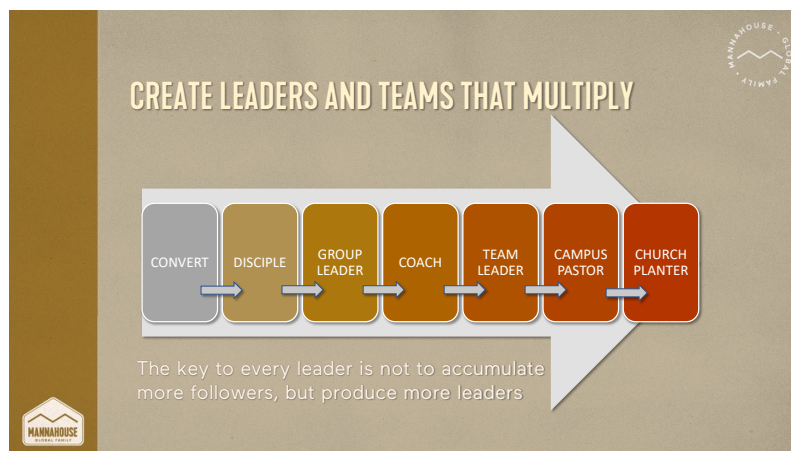
1. **SLIDE** Create a Multiplication Vision and Plan. Prov. 29:18 Without a vision, people perish
 Tools to help, can be found www.mannahouseressource.com **DOWNLOAD AND READ w/TEAM**
 - **Becoming a Level 5 Multiplying Church** – Todd Wilson, Dave Ferguson.
 - **You Can Multiply Your Church** – Ralph Moore
 - **Multipliers: Leading Beyond Addition** – Todd Wilson
 - **New to Five** – Ralph Moore and Jess Christopherson

2. Choose to become a “Sending” church, not a “Keeping” Church.
#BIG STEP OF FAITH FOR US, Campas, Kaylors, Andersons, Hernandez, Gilpins, Robinsons, list in 3 years.
3. Meet with Elders and Leaders – Share the vision to multiply.
4. Make necessary changes.
5. Teach on discipleship and multiplication – “Get it into the water of your church” INGEST this doctrine!

D. **SLIDE #3 Create Leaders and Teams That Multiply**

1. Vision without implementation is FANTASY!
2. Create a Discipleship Pathway Strategy. **[Next Season – This Fall] MH – Great effort toward retooling all**
3. Equip Every Leader and Team to identify “**Their Other**.” Goal is not to land and stay in position!
4. Create a culture of empowerment.
5. Build clear path for every person and team to grow and multiply – Help them know their “NEXT.”

SLIDE DIAGRAM: new convert, disciple, Group Leader, Coach, Leader, Campus Pastor, Church Planter.



Q - The key to every leader is not to accumulate more followers but produce more leaders.

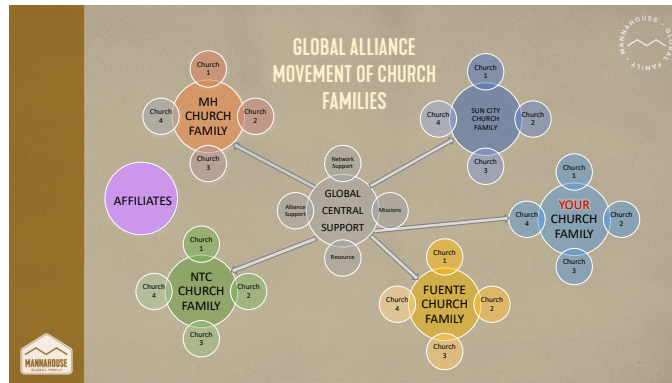
E. **SLIDE #4 Create a Multiplication Church**

1. God desires is for your church to multiply.
2. **Choose to ‘Join the Movement.’** Stop thinking about the five reasons why you can’t and start thinking about how you CAN...TODAY!
#Each One, Plant One. Let’s do this! #Double Family in next two years!
3. “Measure success not by how many you seats but by how many you send.”
4. Identify a few key leaders that you could potentially plant a church. **#Phil Jaquith – Profound example.**
5. Meet with them and begin the journey – Access the “**Mannahouse Church Plant Toolkit**”

F. **SLIDE #5 Create a Multiplication Movement**

1. **SLIDE** Our vision is to become a **Movement of church families** not just a network of churches.
Family... Alliance [church families]... **Movement** [all families, alliance, affiliates, missions, resources, central]

2. **This vision is to fully embrace the “Multiplication Mandate”** and work together to fulfill the ultimate mandate that God placed upon us all in scripture. We are passionate to **“Be fruitful and multiply, fill the earth and subdue it.”**
3. **SLIDE** We will activate the **fourth leg** of our MANNAHOUSE GLOBAL MOVEMENT Vision, which is our **ALLIANCE**. [Other three legs that are thriving are: FAMILIES [Not Network], Missions, Resources].
4. **SLIDE DIAGRAM** **ALLIANCE: MOVEMENT OF CHURCH FAMILIES WEB CHART –**



- Our family is now broken into four Church Families, based upon who covers you apostolically.
 - WE ALSO HAVE GROUP – Called **AFFILIATES**, **“Those with longstanding families ties.”** Who desire to connect with the family, but aren’t formally engaged in building movement, following our model. We love these relationships and so grateful for all God has done to keep us family over the years.
 - There are four current Church families in MH GLOBAL MOVEMENT - **MH, Sun City, NTC, and Fuente.**
 - We are working to finalize 3-4 other, “Families of Churches,” by end of 2022. [8 by 2023].
 - As you begin to plant your own churches **[3+]**, you become a “Church Family” within our Alliance.
 - You as a leader become an ALLIANCE LEADER and meet with other group of AL’S.
 - We will continue to meet, gather, and communicate as one larger family-movement.
 - We will shift our care and closer family communication to the individual church families.
 - We want to ensure that care, coach, development, and multiplication is scalable, biblical.
 - We believe that this will allow us to be one larger family with many families.
 - NOTE: This is a long-term vision – Will take a few years to develop together.
5. **SLIDE** We have a **NEW GLOBAL FAMILY VISION** for **25 church families of 250 Churches.** **AMEN? SHOUT!**

VI. Steps Toward Multiplication [1 minutes]

How many are ready to multiply and reach the world of Jesus?

Stand to your feet and let’s pray.

- Pray for God to help each person to multiply. – We want to reach the multitudes
- Pray for each church to multiply
- Pray for our movement to multiply – 25 Networks of 250 churches AND BEYOND!

Transition to Roxy – Honor her!