

## TEN PRACTICES THAT ENHANCE SPONTANEOUS MULTIPLICATION OF CHURCHES

### Where pioneer church-planting has resulted in several young gatherings...



#### 1. Believers find 'persons of peace' who open their home and networks.

**Discover:** a. Luke 10<sup>5-9</sup>; b. Acts 10<sup>24-33</sup>; c. Acts 16<sup>11-15, 30-34, 40</sup>; d. Acts 17<sup>5-6</sup>; 18<sup>7-8</sup>

**Discuss:** Where and who were some of the 'persons of peace' that Jesus' apostles found?

**Activity:** Participants form themselves into tiny new churches and choose a temporary shepherd.

**Plan:** *Rural* believers work within traditional networks, *urban* believers within many, smaller networks.

**Factoid:** Most 'persons of peace' will be found within believers' family, friendships and work mates.



#### 2. Train all believers to evangelize entire households, and to baptize them.

**Discover:** a. Luke 24<sup>44-49</sup> Acts (2<sup>21-24, 38</sup>); b. 5<sup>29-33</sup> (10<sup>38-42</sup>)  
c. Acts 13<sup>27-31</sup> (17<sup>1-3</sup>); d. Acts 17<sup>29-31</sup> (26<sup>18-23</sup>)

**Discuss:** What points of the Good News are most important in your community? (Cp. 1 Cor. 15:1-5)

**Activity:** An acquaintance announces that s/he has received Christ. Shall we baptise them?

**Plan:** Practice telling the Good News in 1 minute, and name someone to whom you will tell it, this week.

**Factoid:** After you train believers, about one in five of them will implement their training.



#### 3. New leaders strengthen the faith of new believers to persevere.

**Discover:** a. Luke 22<sup>28-32</sup>; b. Romans 1<sup>8-12</sup>; c. Romans 16<sup>25-27</sup>; d. 1 Peter 5<sup>6-11</sup>

**Discuss:** By what truth and in what ways did the apostles of Jesus strengthen the faith of believers?

**Activity:** Have believers read together a selected Bible story or text, and agree on an application.

**Plan:** Learn from believers what are their current faith challenges, then outline a teaching lesson.

**Factoid:** Rural folk learn best through stories and discussion, urban through "discovery bible study."



#### 4. New leaders train "workers" to make disciples who love and obey Jesus.

**Discover:** a. Acts 2<sup>37-41</sup>; b. Acts 2<sup>42-43</sup>; c. Acts 2<sup>44-47</sup>; d. Acts 4<sup>32-37</sup>

**Discuss:** Which specific commandments of Jesus did the early Christians obey from the start?

**Activity:** Learn together some basic commandments of Jesus, along with gestures as a memory aid.

**Plan:** Choose a commandment of Jesus that you will introduce in your gathering, next meeting.

**Factoid:** Where ministries empower everyone to obey, churches grow and multiply "without trying."



#### 5. Train disciple-makers to start and lead new cells or house churches.

**Discover:** a. Matthew 10<sup>7-13</sup>; b. Acts 14<sup>21-23</sup>; c. Romans 16<sup>3-7</sup>; d. 1 Cor. 1<sup>16</sup> & 16<sup>15-19</sup>

**Discuss:** What were some steps that the apostles followed, to launch new churches?

**Activity:** Practice together in your little church one or more commandments for new church starts.

**Plan:** Identify households or groups in which you will start a new cell or house church, this month.

**Factoid:** A continual starting of new churches remains the best way in which to reach a population.



## 6. Depend on the Holy Spirit to distribute speaking and serving gifts.

**Discover:** a. 1 Corinthians 12<sup>27-31</sup>; b. 1 Cor. 14<sup>24-26</sup>; c. Ephesians 4<sup>10-12</sup>; d. 1 Pet. 4<sup>7-11</sup>

**Discuss:** In what ways did spiritual gifts help the apostles' new churches to grow and to reproduce?

**Activity:** If you know each other, then tell what you think may be each one's spiritual gift(s).

**Plan:** Pray for your apprentices' success, and plan to coach them to leverage their spiritual gift(s).

**Factoid:** Several tiny churches together possess all that is required to launch new cells or congregations.



## 7. Expand branching lineages of churches and of leaders that reproduce.

**Discover:** a. Acts 9<sup>31-35</sup>; b. Acts 19<sup>7-10, 20</sup>; c. Acts 14<sup>21-28</sup>; d. Colossians 1<sup>7</sup>, 4<sup>12-18</sup>

**Discuss:** What were some of the apostles' church-planting practices, and their outcomes?

**Activity:** Demonstrate church multiplication from the Epistle to the Colossians.

**Plan:** Draw maps of places and communities wherein your churches plan to reproduce, this year?

**Factoid:** Obedience-based movements tend to multiply, or to stagnate, regardless of their theology.



## 8. Train shepherds who coach several generations of leaders, on the job.

**Discover:** a. Acts 20<sup>1-6</sup>; b. Col. 1<sup>7-8</sup> 4<sup>12-13</sup>; c. 2 Tim. 1<sup>13-14</sup> & 2<sup>1-2</sup>; d. Titus 1<sup>5-9</sup>

**Discuss:** Who were some of the Apostle Paul's apprentices that he trained up and empowered?

**Activity:** Coach each other: pray, query & listen, plan, assign reading, review, practice, intercede.

**Plan:** Name one or more persons whom you will coach to lead and grow their own work, this month.

**Factoid:** On average, training done through extension prepares workers as well as do residential schools.



## 9. Edit simple training materials, distributing these through coaches.

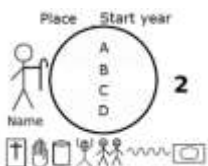
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**Discuss:** What were some basic biblical doctrines that the apostles taught to new churches?

**Activity:** Draft up a training course outline on any one of the ten practices in this handout.

**Plan:** Draft a brief outline of truths that you and your coworkers will share with others this month.

**Factoid:** Workers gladly study materials that their coach chooses, to help them implement their plans.



## 10. Track inputs and outcomes, reporting to leaders who lay new plans.

**Discover:** a. Ac. 2<sup>41-47</sup> 5<sup>14</sup>; b. Ac. 6<sup>1, 7</sup> 13<sup>48-49</sup> 16<sup>5</sup> c. Ac. 11<sup>19-26</sup>; Rm. 15<sup>17-21</sup>; d. 2 Co. 10<sup>13-16</sup>

**Discuss:** What were some of the inputs and outcomes that the apostles used to track and record?

**Activity:** Participants draw maps of their churches' progress, and they project new church plants.

**Plan:** Draw a map of your current ministry's progress, and indicate where it should reproduce this year.

**Factoid:** On-going church-multiplication ministries track their progress continuously, and make reports.

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