



# *Mentoring Moments* for Leaders

## “The Power of Multiplication”



# Session One: Empowering Leadership

## Why the Early Church Grew So Quickly

The Early Church grew from 120 people to 20 million in 200 years. Similarly, the Chinese church, while existing underground and outlawed, expand at the same rate... without professional leaders, training facilities, or buildings. What is the dynamic that caused such phenomenal growth?

### Addition of New Christians:

- Acts 2: 41, 47 – Added to the Church
- Acts 5:14 – Increasingly Added
- Acts 11:24 – Great many were added

### Multiplication of Disciples:

- Acts 6:1, 7 - Disciples were multiplying.

### Multiplication of Churches:

- Acts 9:31 – Churches growing and multiplying.

### Paul's Improving Approach to Ministry:

Paul the apostle changed from an addition approach to ministry to a multiplication model. See hand out, *An Examination of Paul's Improving Missionary Advancement*, by Neil Cole.

It was only after his 3<sup>rd</sup> Missionary Journey that Paul shared with Timothy the principle of multiplication (2 Tim. 2:2).

### Addition Vs Multiplication

The chart below shows how multiplication is much more powerful than addition. To demonstrate *addition*, we start out with 100,000 churches that will lead one new person to Christ every week. It will take 1,154 years to reach the current world's population (6.6 billion). To demonstrate *multiplication*, we start out with one Christian. This Christian will lead only one person to the Lord each year. The Christian will then invest a year bringing the new convert into spiritual maturity. The following year, the two Christians will each lead a person to the Lord and spend a year leading them into spiritual maturity. Every year, this doubling process continues. Using multiplication, the present world's population can be reached in less than 34 years.

## Notes

## Addition Vs. Multiplication

Date	Addition (# of converts) Weekly Basis	Multiplication of Disciples (Annual Basis)
1	5,200,000	1
2	10,400,000	2
3	15,600,000	4
4	20,800,000	8
5	26,000,000	16
6	31,200,000	32
7	36,400,000	64
8	41,600,000	128
9	46,800,000	256
10	52,000,000	512
15	78,000,000	16,384
20	104,000,000	524,288
25	130,000,000	16,777,216
30	156,000,000	536,870,912
31	161,200,000	1,073,741,824
32	166,400,000	2,147,483,648
33	171,600,000	4,294,967,296
34	176,800,000	8,589,934,592

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