

Kingdom Expansion through Multiplication

Part 2

THE DAY OF SMALL THINGS

KEY VERSE:

For who hath despised the day of small things? (Zechariah 4:10)

INTRODUCTION

Do you remember when you first came to Jesus? For me it was a very exciting time, with a lot of reading in the Bible and prayers. I started to talk with everybody I meet about Jesus. Jesus was so real to me, and I had many experiences with Jesus.

How do the growth start?

This journey of growth for a human starts with a single cell, a miraculous result of an intimate relationship between a man and a woman.

This cell multiplies within the mother's womb until a new human being is created.

As this human being matures, they too have the ability to multiply and create new life.

Similarly, spiritual growth begins with a personal relationship with the Lord Jesus Christ.

When one accepts Jesus as their Savior, spiritual life flows into their soul and spirit.

Nurtured in the spiritual womb of the Church, this spark of life grows until a new disciple is created.

This new disciple also has the ability to reproduce spiritually by leading others to the Lord Jesus Christ.

Whether in the natural or spiritual worlds, multiplication starts with a single cell of life.

In Zechariah 4:10, God reminds us not to despise small beginnings. In this teaching, we will start with small things and learn about basic principles of multiplication and various types of spiritual growth.

We will also learn of God's concern for spiritual multiplication and factors that indicate a wrong emphasis on numeric growth.

We prioritize starting with the basics, as these small things form the foundation upon which greater revelations are built.

BASIC PRINCIPLES OF MULTIPLICATION

To effectively learn and apply the methodologies of spiritual multiplication, it's crucial to understand the basic principles behind it.

While the biblical principles of multiplication remain constant, the methods used to achieve them may differ.

However, the purpose behind these methods always remains the same.

God's purpose has remained unchanged since the beginning of time, which is to gather all things in Christ both in heaven and on earth.

As the spiritual lives of His people and historical circumstances change, God modifies His strategies to fulfill His purpose.

For instance, in the Israelite families, when fathers failed in their spiritual duties, God raised up priests to lead.

Similarly, when the priests became corrupt, God called upon prophets to guide the people.

During Jesus' ministry, he used various methods to reach out to people, meeting their unique needs and in their situations.

Although His methods varied, His purpose remained the same – to transform the lives of both men and women.

Therefore, before you begin to multiply, it's essential to comprehend these basic principles in the "day of small things."

Understanding and applying these principles will enable you to effectively multiply and reach out to others.

GOD IS CONCERNED WITH THE MULTITUDES:

At the core of God's love is His concern for the world, as seen in John 3:16,

"For God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish but have everlasting life."

This concern is further emphasized in II Peter 3:9, "not willing that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance."

Jesus also expressed this same concern for the lost, as seen in **Luke 19:10**,

"For the Son of man is come to seek and to save that which was lost,"

and Matthew 9:13, "...for I am not come to call the righteous, but sinners to repentance."

God's concern extends to the multitudes, as He desires to see the multiplication of believers who will reproduce and spread the Gospel message.

As you embark on your study of multiplication methods, it's essential to align your concern with God's - reaching the entire world with the Gospel message.

IT IS GOD WHO GIVES GROWTH:

Spiritual multiplication cannot be accomplished apart from God. It is God who gives growth:

...God gave the increase. (I Corinthians 3:6)

MAN MUST COOPERATE WITH GOD'S PRINCIPLES:

At the heart of God's Word are timeless principles that can be applied to every area of life and ministry.

These principles have been the foundation for God's work on earth through man since the beginning of time.

From Adam and Eve to the prophets, kings, and judges of the Old Testament, and the ordinary men and women who became Jesus' disciples, **God has always chosen to work through people who understand and cooperate with His principles.**

In spiritual multiplication, God still relies on willing men and women to spread the Gospel and achieve His purposes.

He doesn't bypass us, but instead, uses those who are willing to understand and cooperate with His principles of multiplication.

As Paul said, "I have planted, Apollos watered; but God gave the increase" (I Corinthians 3:6).

Believers have a crucial role to play in the plan of God.

As Paul stressed, it is our responsibility to spread the word of God so that others can hear and believe.

"For whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved.

How then shall they call on Him in whom they have not believed?

And how shall they believe in Him of whom they have not heard? and how shall they hear without a preacher?" (Romans 10:13-14).

Let us be those who understand and cooperate with God's principles, so that we may be used mightily in His plan to save the world.

JESUS IS THE FOCUS OF MULTIPLICATION:

Jesus spoke these words in John 12:32, saying that **if He is lifted up from the earth, He will draw all people to Himself.**

He was referring to His sacrificial death on the cross, which would redeem all humanity from sin.

By His death and resurrection, Jesus would draw people to Him through the power of the Gospel.

When you share the Gospel, you are lifting up Jesus and making Him known to others.

As Jesus is lifted up in your life and in your church, people are drawn to Him by the powerful message of the Gospel.

The multiplication of believers is guaranteed when Jesus is lifted up and exalted.

THE WORD OF GOD CAUSES GROWTH:

In Matthew 13:1-9, Jesus shared a powerful parable about growth.

He later explained the meaning of this parable in Matthew 13:18-23.

We encourage you to take a moment to read these passages in your Bible.

In this parable, the seed symbolizes the Word of God.

When we plant this Word in our hearts and minds, it is not done in vain.

As Isaiah 55:11 states, "So shall my Word be that goeth forth out of my mouth; it shall not return unto me void, but it shall accomplish that which I please, and it shall prosper in the thing whereto I sent it."

Similarly, Jeremiah 1:12 declares, "For I will hasten my Word to perform it."

It is the Word of God that brings transformation in the lives of both men and women.

As we allow the Word of God to take root in our hearts, we experience growth and multiplication based on the Word of God.

We hope you find this parable to be a source of inspiration and encouragement in your own spiritual journey.

THE HOLY SPIRIT ENABLES MULTIPLICATION:

The final message of Jesus to His disciples holds a powerful promise that still resonates today:

"But ye shall receive power after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you: and ye shall be witnesses unto me, both in Jerusalem and in all Judaea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth." (Acts 1:8)

The Holy Spirit is the key to spiritual multiplication.

It empowers us to witness to others, multiplying the message of God's love and salvation.

The gifts of the Holy Spirit equip us with the tools we need to effectively share the gospel and engage with others in a meaningful way.

Furthermore, the fruit of the Holy Spirit nurtures an environment of growth and reproduction in our lives and communities.

Love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control are the qualities that draw others to Christ and help us to multiply our impact.

Throughout our teachings, we will go deeper into the role of the Holy Spirit in spiritual multiplication, exploring the ways in which it enables, equips, and nurtures us towards a greater understanding of our relationship with God.

MULTIPLICATION IS A SHARED RESPONSIBILITY:

In the early days of the church, spreading the Gospel was not limited to full-time pastors, prophets, evangelists, and teachers.

Instead, **every believer was empowered to share their faith and reproduce spiritually.**

If we want to spread the Gospel to the world, we need to adopt this approach once again.

It's not just leaders who have a responsibility to multiply spiritually; every member of the Body of Christ must do their part.

With the world's population growing at an unprecedented rate, it's essential that we return to the New Testament model of ministry.

We can't expect to reach the world with just a few half-hearted efforts.

The good news is that there are enough Christians in the world to spread the Gospel to every corner of the earth.

We just need more inspired people to recognize the opportunity for multiplication and act on it.

Jesus commanded believers to "go" and share the Gospel with the world.

You don't need to wait for permission to act on this command because it has already been given.

Rather than waiting for a signal to "go," we should be actively looking for opportunities to spread the Gospel and take advantage of them.

As a pastor and a leader you should encourage the people in your church to share Jesus with others.

Make a small remembering list of what to do.

- Pray for the Holy Spirit to work in people to come to Jesus
- Give your testimony to at least one person every day
- Pray for at least one person to receive Jesus pr. week
- Invite the new born Christian for a meeting
- Teach that new Christian to do the same.

What I learned was to write down my testimony.

A 2 A4 page written testimony.

That helped me a lot when I talked to people, because I knew what to say.

So encourage people in the church to start sharing their testimony every day with somebody, and invite people to come to the next church meeting.

You could do this by gathering a group from the church that answers your call to start multiplying.