

# 5 Words ...to multiply



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## FRUITFUL & MULTIPLYING

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*“...the seed falling on good soil  
refers to someone who  
hears the word  
and understands it.  
This is the one who  
produces a crop,  
yielding a hundred,  
sixty or thirty times  
what was sown.”  
Matthew 13:23*



## EVALUATION QUESTIONS

**BEGINNING:** \*What is your process for bringing people into a new relationship with Christ? \*How are you praying for people to come to Christ? \*How are you effectively reaching out to people outside your doors inviting them in? (planting seeds) \*Are you regularly explaining the good news of Jesus to those who don't know? \*Are you seeing people newly step into a life of faith?

**WORSHIPING:** \*When and how do you gather together to experience the presence of God? \*In this setting, are you welcoming to those just beginning (language, signage, greeters, length, quality and creativity)? \*Is there a place for children to learn and thrive? \*Are all the elements of worship (music, prayers, Scripture reading, teaching) impactful? \*Are new people visiting, returning, staying?

**CONNECTING:** \*How are new people getting plugged in, connecting with others? (May include small groups, serving groups, community groups, etc). \*Is prayer woven into these gatherings? \*Are new people actually connecting? Staying?

**TRANSFORMING:** \*How are you discipling people so that you see their lives being changed, becoming more and more like Jesus? \*Are these people learning to... read God's Word and pray on their own? ... live a life of radical obedience? ...go and make disciples of others? ...bring others who are "beginning"? ...sacrificially love? ...generously give? ...faithfully serve?

**MULTIPLYING:** If we are doing our job of going and making disciples (beginning, worshipping, connecting, transforming), then multiplication should follow as the lost are found, new disciples go and make new disciples, leaders develop leaders, and churches plant churches.

## FIVE WORDS

The Bible is filled with expectation that the people of God will multiply. Jesus sets the expectation high: He tells us that if we are "good soil" we can expect to multiply "a hundred, sixty, or thirty times what was sown." But what are the steps we need to follow if we are to see multiplication, both in our lives and in our churches? The steps are outlined in our 5 words.



### **BEGINNING**

= *new people beginning a relationship with Christ*

"The Lord added to their number daily those who were being saved" Acts 2:47b

### **WORSHIPING**

= *experiencing God's presence & power in larger gathering*

"... dedicated to the apostles teaching... meeting in the temple... praising God" Acts 2:42, 46a, 47

### **CONNECTING**

= *building deeper relationships; caring & praying, in a smaller gathering*

"They devoted themselves... to fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer... They broke bread in their homes and ate together with glad and sincere hearts, praising God." Acts 2:42b, 46b-47

### **TRANSFORMING**

= *becoming more & more like Jesus in heart, mind, soul, & strength (action); being a disciple who goes & makes disciples*

"... dedicated to the apostles teaching... meeting in the temple... praising God"  
Acts 2:42, 46a, 47

### **MULTIPLYING**

= *new believers, disciples, leaders & churches multiplying new believers, disciples, leaders & churches, who multiply...*

"The Lord added to their number daily those who were being saved"  
Acts 2:47b