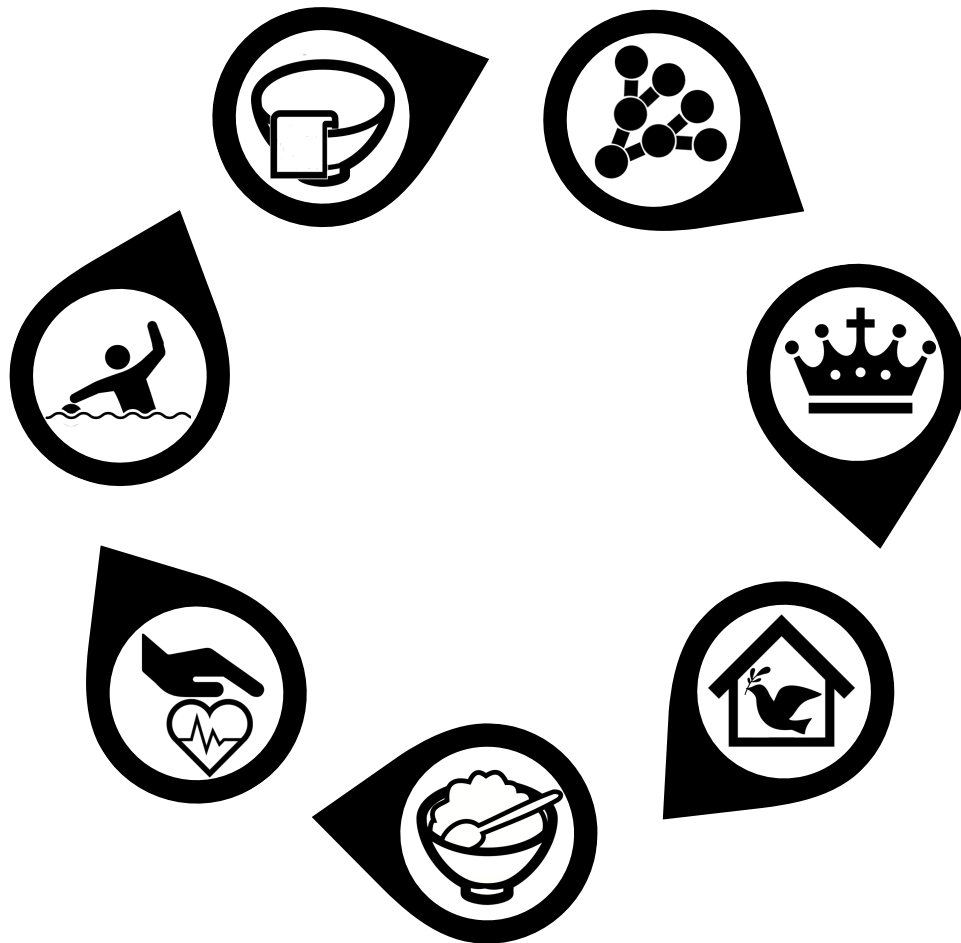
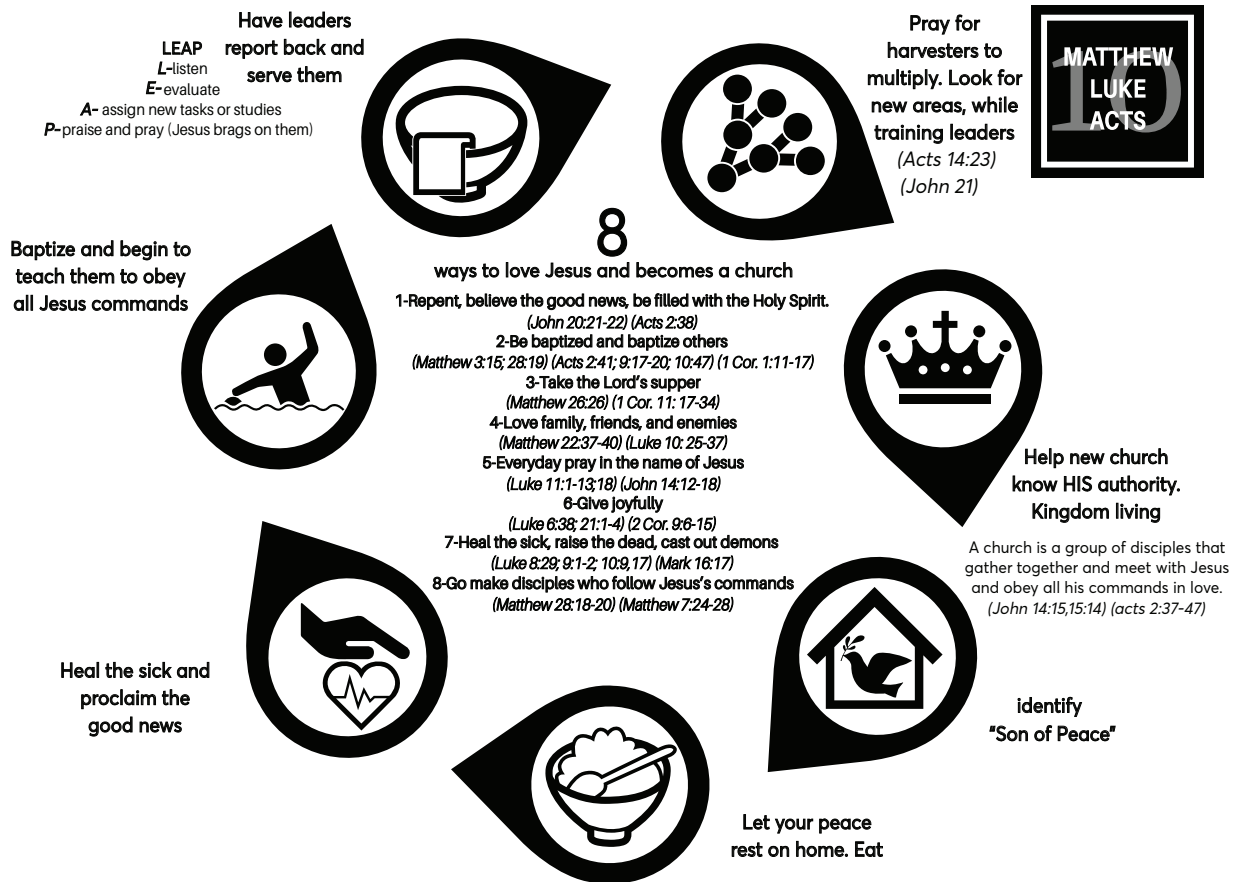


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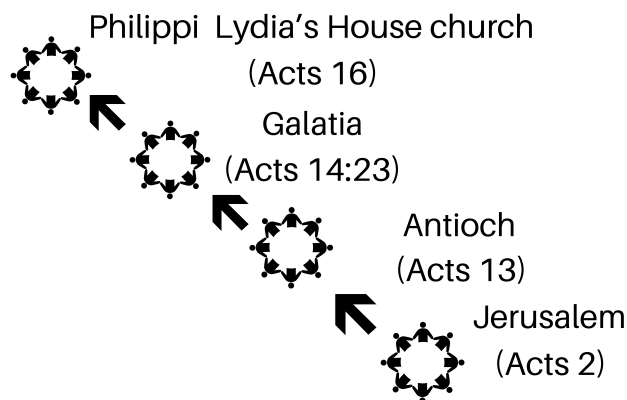
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## Vision of Church Multiplication Movements

**Why aren't we seeing more disciples made and more churches starting?**

Part of the problem is that our standards of what church is has become far too high and our standards of what it means to be a disciple has become far too low. We need to reverse this.



### The Phenomenon of Church Multiplication in the Book of Acts

The Movement that Jesus catalyzed ignited in rural not urban areas in northern Israel. It started up river from the big city in fishing villages around the Sea of Galilee where people spoke Hebrew with a funny accent. In Matthew chapter 10 Christ chose and trained the twelve sending them out in teams of two. By Luke chapter 10 the 12 had multiplied to 72 workers.

In Acts 2 the movement then spread down to Jerusalem and the Holy Spirit empowered the original 12 Apostles and as a result of their message 3,000 were baptized on the Day of Pentecost. These new believers began to meet in homes and worship the Risen Lord in tiny clusters of micro churches. They did NOT meet in one congregation led by one man.

In Acts chapter 7, due to persecution these clusters of churches began to spread to Samaria and then to Caesarea in Acts 10 when Peter's team started churches through the home of Cornelius. By Acts 13 lay believers had started a church network in Antioch that multiplied northward to the region of Galatia when the Holy Spirit directed them to send Paul and Barnabas "for the work I have chosen for them."

The mother churches in Jerusalem started daughter churches in Samaria and Caesarea who started grand daughter churches in Antioch who birthed great grand daughter churches in Galatia and Ephesus. This multiplication primarily occurred through average believers and not through the Apostles alone. The story of Acts follows the journeys of Paul but you can see that the multiplication did not revolve around the Apostles but around simple believers who just obeyed Jesus.

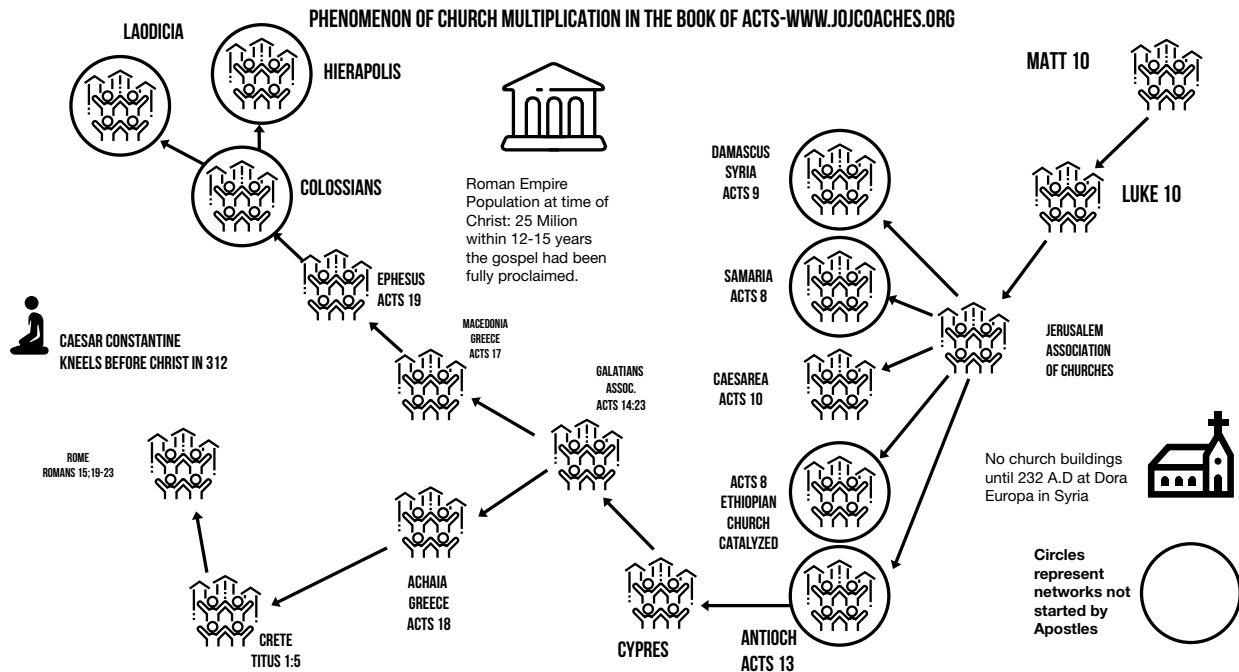
The Ephesians then multiplied great great grand daughter churches in the cities of Colossae, Heiropolis, and Laodicea. Paul coached Ephapras who coached women like Nympha and the church that met in her house. Paul also trained Timothy to coach “responsible people who were able to teach others 2: Timothy 2:2. Paul got this pattern of mentoring leaders behind the scenes from Peter who received it from Christ in Matthew chapter 10.

The movement then crossed the sea and entered the cities of Greece all the way around to Rome. The movement multiplied much faster than the feet of the Apostles could travel and a network of micro churches was catalyzed by lay believers in Rome BEFORE Paul had arrived. He wrote to the clusters of churches in Romans 15, “I have fully proclaimed the gospel from Jerusalem all the way around to Ilyricum (that’s the present day country of Albania), through Signs and Wonders, and there is No More Room for My Work.”

That is about 7 regions, with a population of 25 million people, in a period of 20 years. How could Paul make such an amazing claim? He wasn’t attempting to share with every person but catalyzing movements of indigenous churches who’s responsibility it was to evangelize and disciple their own areas. There were no church buildings until 232 AD yet this movement conquered the Roman Empire a century later when Caesar himself bowed before the Jewish carpenter from Galilee.

# Vision of Church Multiplication Movements

Mother. daughter, grand daughter, great grand daughter  
congregations in Acts



ROMANS 15:23

PAUL SAYS "THERE IS NO MORE ROOM"

THE GOSPEL HAD BEEN PROPELLED INTO THE ROMAN EMPIRE  
WHICH NUMBERED SOME 50 MILLION PEOPLE.



No church building was  
established until 232 AD

## **Phenomenon of Church Multiplication that created the U.S. Bible Belt**

**Jay Judson Jan 2018**

From 1755 to 1825 over 2,000 churches<sup>1</sup> multiplied from the Atlantic Ocean to the Mississippi River, southward into the Caribbean, northward into Canada, and even all the way to west Africa. This movement transformed the southeastern United States into what became known as the Bible Belt. The vast majority of the counties in the Bible Belt are populated by Baptists of a dozen or more varieties. Primitive Baptists, Black Baptist Conventions, many Free Will Baptists, fundamental Independent Baptists, and the majority of what became known as Southern Baptists trace their roots to a church that met in homes in North Carolina.

The Sandy Creek movement was birthed out of the First Great Awakening and culminated in the Second Great Awakening with an estimated 350,000 members by 1825. Apostolic catalyst Shubal Stearns and brother-in-law Daniel Marshall left Connecticut where English evangelist George Whitfield ignited the “New Lights” among New England Colonists. These New Lights also became known as “Separate Baptists” who headed down the Great Wagon Road into the Carolina frontier. The Sandy Creek movement is the reason why there seems to be a baptist church on nearly every corner of the southeast U.S. Sandy Creekers and most Baptist did not call their building “churches” but described them as Meeting Houses, however most started out merely meeting in homes and hastily cut brush harbors.

Stearns trainee, Tidence Lane and many other early settlers in what became the state of Tennessee were persecuted religious refugees. North Carolina British Colonial Governor William Tryon's efforts to force Baptists into the state run Anglican church of England erupted into the Regulator's Rebellion that resulted in 6,000 baptist refugees fleeing over the Blue Ridge into Tennessee. Lane and William Murphy catalyzed the daughter association of Sandy Creek, the Houlston Association in 1786. Baptists were forced to meet in underground house churches in oppressive Anglican controlled Virginia, as well as Spanish Catholic controlled Louisiana, southwest Mississippi and Missouri.

Sandy Creek Baptists were then known for extremely emotional, often noisy worship, trembling, fainting, and shouting while preaching. Morgan Edwards, a visiting reformed Baptist minister from Philadelphia was first very disturbed at the excess emotion at the Sandy Creek worship services but became more cordial when he witnessed the fruit of these tiny frontier believers. Healings were common and exorcisms as Sandy Creekers practiced the laying on of hands and anointing the sick. They trained leaders through informal Paul-Timothy style apprenticeships instead of formal classrooms. There were almost no salaried shepherds, no expensive church

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<sup>1</sup> Baptist Historian Dr. Ryan McGuire <http://www.ourbaptistheritage.org/historical-books.html>  
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buildings, no denominational funding system, no mission agencies, and no conventions, yet these farmer-preachers multiplied and led their country to Christ. For a fuller picture of the generational multiplication of Sandy Creek click my research on link. I have located at least 300 daughter, grand daughter and great grand daughter churches of Sandy Creek including my own home congregation who ordained me.<sup>2</sup> Baptist historian William Lumpkin, "judged that a definite missionary strategy was planned by the leadership as Shubal Stearns worked primarily in eastern North Carolina and to the west of Sandy Creek; and Stearns brother-in-law Daniel Marshall itinerated to the north into Virginia; Philip Mulkey and Joseph Reese catalyzed daughter church of Congaree Baptist and the Congaree Association in South Carolina. Stearn's trainees the Murphy brothers baptized Samuel Harris, "the Apostle of Virginia" who catalyzed a large network of underground churches. There were 3,200 baptists in Virginia in 1773 when Harris was baptized worshipping in 34 churches which grew to 35,000 baptized believers by 1790. One out of twenty leaders would keep a library that other farmer-preachers would borrow from and they informally discussed theology and best practices with their mentors behind the scenes. Baptist in Virginia were severely persecuted. Beatings, stoning, whipping, drowning, and imprisonment were common. Many who were imprisoned continued to preach through the prison bars to throngs of people. Brothers Lewis and Elijah Craig led 600 persecuted baptist to Kentucky 600 miles west in what became known as "The Traveling Church." This church established the great great grand daughter of Sandy Creek, the Elkhorn Baptist church and Elkhorn Association.

The African American church was birthed out of the Sandy Creek Movement and has kept more of the emotional style worship of Sandy Creek than most Baptist in the American south. Daniel Marshall's trainee elder Elisha Palmer from Big Stevens Creek Baptist ordained the first Black baptist minister, George Lisle at Silver Bluff Baptist on the South Carolina side of the Savannah River. Lisle mentored missionary to west Africa and Nova Scotia, David George and hundreds of other African slaves. The Baptist conventions of Jamaica, the Bahamas, Nova Scotia, Sierra Leone, and Liberia trace their ancestry back to Sandy Creek. There were 100,000 Black baptist out of 350,000 baptist when the Southern Baptist Convention was formed in 1845.<sup>3</sup>

Both women and men were appointed as elders with thousands of women released to become "Exhorters" of the gospel in the homes of the unchurched. Martha Stearns Marshall and Margaret Meuse Clay were of the growing number of female "exhorters" -- those who prayed and preached although not necessarily in organized church services--among the burgeoning Baptist movement in Virginia and the Carolinas during the mid-18th century. Stearns trainee Sarah Barton Murphy, wife of William Murphy, established the first baptist church and Sunday school west of the Mississippi River.

Three factors slowed down the phenomenal growth of Sandy Creek; debates about finances, debates about doctrine, and debates about social issues.

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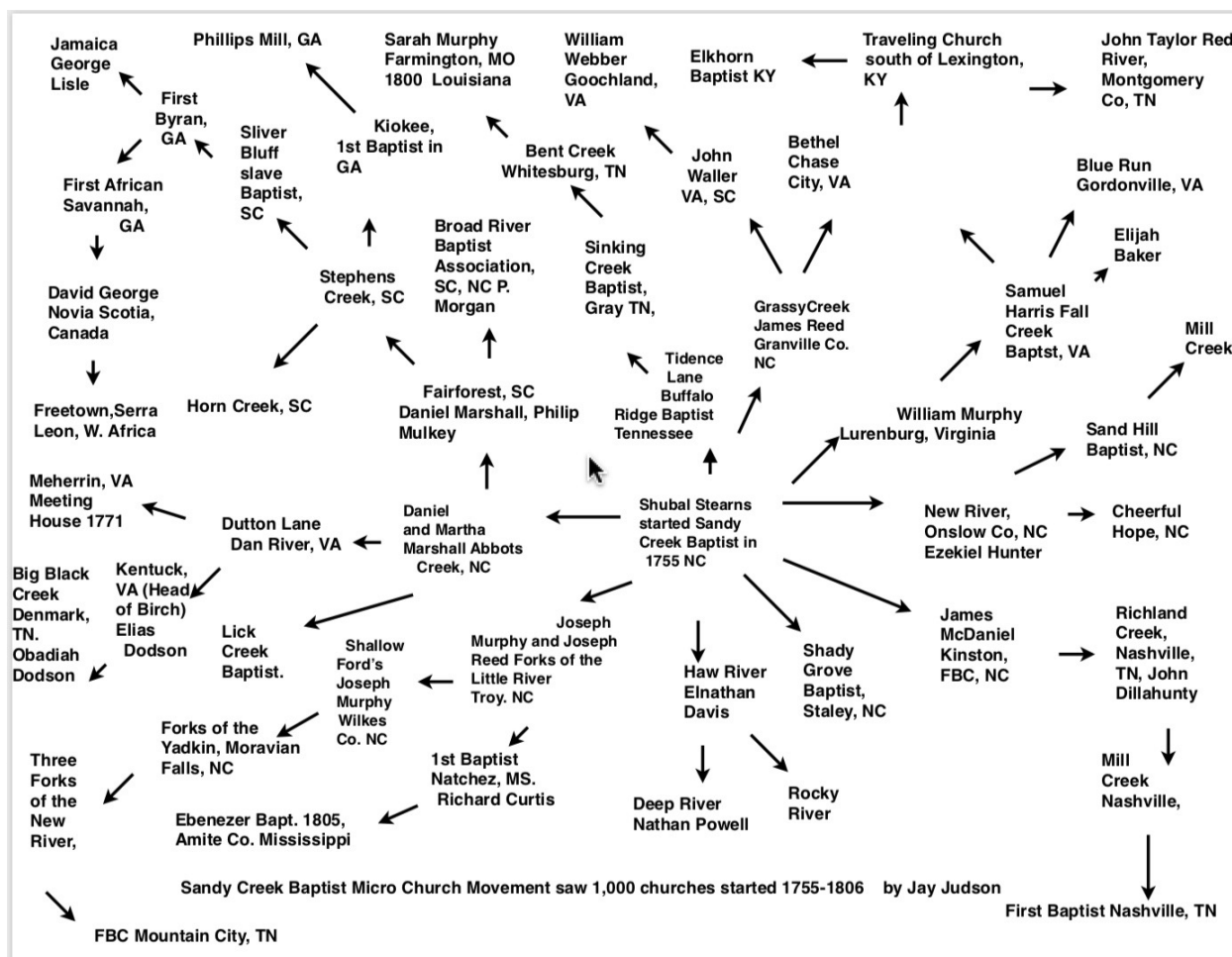
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<sup>3</sup> William Whitsitt <http://bpnews.net/50310/black-so-bapt-history-said-to-be-at-a-crossroads>

Denominational debates - Baptist efforts to support Dr. Adoniram Judson's work in the burgeoning movement among the Karens of Burma and his fund raiser, Dr. Luther Rice was seen by many backwoods Baptist preachers on the Kentucky and Tennessee frontiers similar to the Catholic Pope's, John Tetsel. Denominational Structure struggles in the face of the Anti-Missionary Movement had much to do with frontier baptist suspicions about how wealthy eastern baptist use of money to do the work frontier preachers were doing without any funds.

Doctrinal debates and unification with the reformed Calvinistic Charleston Baptist Churches led to the early stages of the acceptance of the Convention principle into Baptist philosophy of ministry. At first the Charlestonians refused to join with the Separates of Sandy Creek because they allowed the uneducated and even women to preach but later changed their minds once they saw the throngs of members of the Sandy Creek Separates. Social debate over slavery, although certainly worthy, led to division and loss of vision to multiply. Sandy Creekers had long opposed the purchasing of slaves and by 1835,<sup>4</sup> Sandy Creek Baptists put this value into writing when they resolved "to exclude members who will not abandon the practice, after the first and second admonition."

The Sandy Creek Baptist Church story is a prophetic word to the declining American church. "This is what the LORD says: 'Stand at the crossroads and look; ask for the ancient paths, ask where the good way is, and walk in it, and you will find rest for your souls. But you said, 'We will not walk in it.'" Jeremiah 6:16. The future of church does not reside in the recent phenomenon of mega-church but in mega movements of tiny multiplying churches as happened through the Sandy Creek Movement.





**75 Branches of Church Multiplication in Bible. by Jay Judson [www.jojcoaches.org](http://www.jojcoaches.org) based on Robert Robinson author of "History of Baptism" and "Come Thou Fount"**

Each of these are not one congregation meeting in one large building with one pastor but clusters of churches who worshipped the Messiah in homes with multiple shepherds who's vision was the ancient commands to be fruitful and multiply. There were no church buildings until 232 AD in Dora Europa in Syria.

31. Illyricum. Romans 15:9
32. Joppa. Acts 10 Acts 9:36-42
33. Jerusalem. Acts 2, Acts 21:18-26
34. Judea. Acts 9:31, Acts 10:37
35. Laodicea. Rev. 3:17-22. Col. 4:17
36. Lycaonia. Acts 14;1-23
37. Lydda.
38. Lystra. Acts 14:6, 14:20, 14:23,
39. Macedonia. I Thess. 4:9-10. Acts 20
- Rom. 15:26, 2 Cor. 8:1-4, 2 Cor. 11:9
40. Miletus 2 Tim. 4:20
41. Malta. Acts 28:8
42. Gaius household Rom. 16:23
43. Neapolis. Acts 16:11, Acts 20:6
44. Nicopolis Titus 3:12
45. Pamphylia. Acts 13:13-52
46. Paphos Acts 13:13.
47. Stephanas household I Cor. 1:14
48. Patmos. Rev. 3
49. Perga. Acts 13:13-14, Acts 14:25
50. Pergamun. Rev. 2:12-17
51. Pheonix Crete
52. Phoenicia. Acts 11:19
53. Philadelphia. Rev. 3:7-13
54. Phrygia Acts 18:23
55. Philippi. Acts 16:16
56. Philippian Jailor's house church Ac
- 16:31
57. Philippian Lydia's house church Ac
- 16:31
58. Pisidia
59. Pontus. I Peter 1:1
60. Ptolemais. O.T. and Akko. Acts 21:
61. Puteoli, Italy
62. Chloe's household I Cor. 1:11
63. Rome Romans 15-16, Acts 18:2
64. Salamis Cyprus
65. Samaria. Acts 9:31.
66. Sardis. Rev. 3:1-6,
67. Sharon. Acts 9:35. rd
68. Sidon
69. Smyrna. Rev. 2:8-11
70. Syria. Acts 15:40-41.
71. Tarsus. Gal. 1:18-24. Acts 9:26-30
72. Thessalonica. Acts 17
73. Thyatira. Rev. 2:18-29 .
74. Troas. Acts 20 2 Cor. 2:12
75. Tyre.

1. Achaea Acts 19:21, Acts 20:2-3
2. Alexandria. Acts 18:24.
3. Antioch. Acts 11:19.
4. Antioch in Pisidia. Acts 13:14
5. Arabia. Gal. 1:17-18.
6. Athens. Acts 18, I Thess. 3:1
7. Azotus (Ashdod) Acts 8:26
8. Babylon, I Peter 5:13, Acts 2:9
9. Berea, Acts 17:10-13. Acts 20:4
10. Bythinia. I Peter 1:1, Acts 16:6-8
11. Cesarea, Acts 10:1, 8:40
12. Capernaum Mark 2:
13. Cappadocia I Peter 1:1
14. Cenchrea Rom. 16
15. Cilicia Acts 15:40-41. Acts 15:23-24
16. Colosse. Philemon 1-2

17. Corinth. Acts 18:1-17. 16:23
18. Crete. Titus 1:5
19. Crete Fair. Havens. Titus 1:5
20. Cyprus. Acts 11:19
21. Cyrene. Acts 11:20, Acts 13:1,
22. Dalmatia 2 Tim. 4:10
23. Damascus Acts 9
24. Derbe. Acts 14:6,
25. Ephesus. Acts 18:18
26. Ethiopia Acts 8:26
27. Galatia. I Peter 1:1
28. Galilee Acts 6:8, Acts 9:31
29. Hierapolis. Col. 4
30. Iconia Acts 14:6

## Common Objections to Movements of Multiplying Churches

### Jay Judson and Dr. George Patterson

It is critical for church multiplication movement coaches to be aware of these most common objections. It is better to be proactively and lovingly answer these objections before they are asked in trainings. The first three are the most common.



**Objection 1:** “We must have grounded people in sound doctrine before releasing them to start inductive Bible studies, small groups or house churches.” “Emphasizing rapid church multiplication is wrong.”

Answer: Where has the most destructive heresies in Church History come from? Does it originate from new believers on the frontiers of the kingdom or disobedient believers arguing about doctrine? The liberal theology that has decimated most mainline Protestant denominations originated with European theologians and seminaries where obedience to the Risen Christ was mocked. Yes, we need to train new churches on the frontiers to be knowledgeable about heresies like, liberal theology, and cults like Mormons and Jehovah’s Witnesses but new believers founded on the rock of obedience oriented discipleship don’t usually get doctrine wrong. See Matthew 7:24-28. New believers may get facts of Bible stories incorrect but these are easily corrected in a Paul-Timothy coaching relationship that emphasizes the authority of the word of God. Part of this objection is correct. We should not emphasize “rapidity” but rapid obedience. Church multiplication starts off very slow but may become rapid as catalyst emphasize childlike obedience to the commands of Christ. We should not rush people into the baptismal waters but rush them to lovingly obey Christ. John 14:15 and John 15:14.



**Objection 2:** “We don’t have enough money for our own church budget how can we possibly start hundreds and thousands of new multiplying churches as you are suggesting with this vision?”

Answer: Mother churches who release their members to catalyze newer churches, tend to gain momentum and attract more faithful workers to their church who give more to the cause of the mother church. It doesn’t cost anything to multiply churches if we follow the Biblical pattern of meeting in homes. It may cost a few thousand dollars to help church multiplication coaches travel and feed their families.



**Objection 3:** “The pastor and church leaders will lose control and influence if we allow new churches to start from our mother church. This will lead to rebellion and division.” Only ordained pastors with seminary or Bible school certificates should baptize others and practice the Lord’s supper.”

Answer: Does a grandmother lose influence if she has more children and grandchildren? No, she gains much more influence. Churches who release their members to multiply tend to get more members because 80% of the new believers within traveling distance will likely desire to join the church that shared the gospel with them. Christ ordains us to obey His commands, “I have ordained you.” John 15:16 KJV. “When they, (Sanhedrin) had seen that these were uneducated and ordinary men they took note of them that these men had been with Jesus.” Acts 4:13.

### **Phenomenon of Multiplication among Buddhists and Muslims in Burma**

Since 2004, over 9,565 new churches have been planted throughout 25 unreached people groups of Myanmar (Burma) with 205,000 baptisms. This movement is now spread over 12 out of 14 states of Burma with over half a million professions of faith. This movement has also spread into Thailand, Bangladesh, and Malaysia through migrant workers and refugees. In 2018, seven teams reported to Jay, over 20,000 baptisms with 1,556 new churches started. Jay and wife Anna are consultants for relief and development workers helping feed thousands of victims of disasters and ethnic conflicts. Jay also is the founder of Obedience. Obedience is a network of house church movement consultants with particular focus on the Buddhist World.

The Major came to Christ in 1993 in one of the worst prisons in the world, Insane Prison, Burma. The 68 year old Major was imprisoned for leading a democracy movement and occasionally attended churches in Yangon until he met Jay in 2002. Jay had been trained in the vision and principles of Church Multiplication by Dr. George Patterson a few years earlier and this vision guided Jay and the Major's six month long "temporary training church" at the Major's house.

The Major and Jay saw the first 7 churches catalyzed in April 2004 when 21 Rakhine Buddhist background families jumped into the river to be baptized. Jay and the Major led a week long house church multiplication leaders meeting for the new shepherds in training. They also added agriculture training for the new shepherds as most were farmers or day laborers. Satan immediately counter-attacked and Jay was placed in Intensive Care with kidney failure. While on dialysis Jay was happy to hear that the seven new churches had grown to eleven. God healed Jay and the new churches grew to 38 within the first year and over 200 churches by the third year, concentrated primarily in Rakhine state and around the Major's house church in Yangon. During this time the Major led his widowed daughter, NN to the Lord and Jay and the Major published a Picture Bible contextualized for Burmese Buddhists. During this time the Major and Jay spent considerable time discussing with Buddhist monks the appropriate way to communicate the gospel of Jesus into the Buddhist worldview. They also partnered with these monks in various community development projects and this led to many monks coming to Christ.

The Major and Jay also refined the Major's, also a Lawyer, method for sharing Christ to Buddhists. The Major also began to translate the Bible into the majority Burmese language. This translation convey's the meaning of the original much more clearly than previous translations. The Lawyer's Method, Buddhist worldview map and 8 Barriers for sharing the gospel with Buddhist materials can be download [www.obedience.life](http://www.obedience.life)

In May 2008, Cyclone Nargis swept away 140,000 Burmese in one night and the Major, NN, Jay and wife Anna began to focus on relief efforts in the Cyclone devastated Irrawaddy Delta region. The Major and Jay's trainee, Mrs. Y had just come to Christ and the team began to assist Y's home village in the heart of the disaster zone. Within six months the movement in western Burma jumped to the Cyclone affected area where most people are *Bamar* Buddhist. The Bamar are the majority

people in the country and Burma, is the Anglicized version of Bamar. Churches were formed in the Delta and spread rapidly to central Burma through soldiers in the Burmese, *Tatmadaw* military. Jay and Sister Y trained many new Bamar Buddhist background believers in discovering the truths of the Messiah, through the Picture Bible as well as in the 8 Command's of Christ curriculum. The Burmese majority were the target of Baptist Missionary Adoniram Judson's efforts in the early 1800s. Jay and the Major's team began to see the breakthrough that Dr. Judson dreamed to see. Most of the 8% Christian population of Burma are not Buddhist background but came to Christ in the 1800s from animistic backgrounds. These Chin, Kachin, Karen, and Lahu tribals are locked in a 70 year long armed conflict with the Buddhist majority and this war has made the mission work efforts among Buddhist to be very difficult including these groups having a completely different worldview than the 85% majority Buddhist of Burma.

Sis. Y's approach to catalyzing movements uses the Major's terminology and vision her method's were much more direct. Hundreds of believers in central Burma have endured terrible persecution from Buddhist and Military leaders and one influential network leader is currently in prison.

In 2012 fighting erupted between Muslims and Buddhist in the western part of the country and this conflict quickly spread across the entire country. It was during this time that Sis. NN led Rohingya believer from Muslim background, Bro. S to the Messiah. Bro. S and his Rohingya friends were astonished that Mrs. NN, an ethnic Rakhine, their perceived enemy would provide relief to the Rohingya. This act of love and the recent publication of a Muslim appropriate gospel of Luke, Injil Sharif penetrated the heart of the Rohingya. Sis. Y's team in central Burma also distributed relief aid to Burmese Muslims on the Road to Mandalay and thousands of Burmese Muslims embraced Jesus as Lord. Also in 2012, YWAM Create media team videoed a documentary of the Major's house church movement and Dr. Bill Smith led an assessment of the networks of house churches. These documentaries and assessment can be viewed online at <https://youtu.be/mlHdpzGGBQc>

In 2015 the movement began to spread among the Buddhist and Animist peoples of the Shan mountains and over 500 Palaung, Danu, Padaung, and Shan have embraced the Messiah and many have been driven from their homes. Israeli and Palestinian teams of house church practitioners have visited the Major's networks and have taken the vision of multiplication back to Israel resulting in 57 new house churches among Jewish and Muslim background believers in the Holy Land.

In 2016 Rakhine believers began visiting Jay's American JOJ team members based in Thailand and the movement started to spread among Burmese migrants. The American team leader started to disciple an influential Thai Buddhist background network and these new Thai churches are spreading the gospel with the help of the Thai version of the Picture Bible. This American team member saw hundreds of gang members embrace the kingdom in south Florida before joining Obedience.

The house church movement among the Rohingya fled to neighboring Bangladesh due to the continued ethnic conflict plaguing western Burma and many of the house church leaders who Jay, the Major and NN led to Christ continue to make disciples among the one million Rohingya refugees from Burma. The Major and Jay baptized a Hindu Background businessman who has now ignited a movement among

the 1 million Hindu Burmese. In early 2018 Sis. NN, Jay and Anna led several Burmese Jews to the Messiah.

The Major and Jay's vision is to see movements of multiplying house churches catalyzed among 10 countries of the Buddhist World. The 85 year old Major and daughter recently led trainings across Thailand and Buddhist dominated Sri Lanka igniting churches and training church planters everywhere they go.

### **Illustration skit**

**Trace the multiplication of the word of God from the mother churches at Jerusalem to the daughter churches at Antioch. Have four people representing each of the four clusters of house churches stand far apart and then a character representing the Holy Spirit help churches carry the word to the next generation of churches. Have the generations pass a bible between each network.**

**Antioch passes the word over to the Galatians**

**Galatians pass the word over to Lydia's house church in Philippi, Macedonia.**

**For added affect and confront the objection that the churches will get weaker and weaker the farther away the multiplication gets from the mother church have the Holy Spirit bend over getting weaker and weaker at each cluster. Stop and ask trainees, "Is this good theology of the Holy Spirit or bad theology of the Holy Spirit?" Answer; the Same Holy Spirit that came down at Pentecost in the Jerusalem mother church is the very same Holy Spirit that came down on Lydia's house church.**



## **Loving Obedience to the Commands of Christ**

It is not enough to merely start new churches, we must have a curriculum for the new believers. In order to combat the inevitable “grace killers” who come to steal the sheep and derail the new believers faith we need to base our curriculum on lovingly childlike obedience to Jesus commands. Most discipleship curriculum tends to leave out the command to be baptized and baptize others as well as Christ’s command to take the Lord’s Supper.

According to Matthew 28:20 how do we make disciples? Jesus says that we make disciples who obey ALL of Jesus commands. How many commands of Jesus are there in Matthew, Mark, Luke and John? There are over 300 commands of Christ and this is too many to teach to new believers so we summarize the 300 into 8 commands taken from Acts 2:37-47. The first churches were obeying the last thing that Christ commanded His disciples to do in Matthew 28:16-20.

### **What is our motivation for obeying Christ commands?**

So who have been in legalistic churches may object to using the Commands of Christ for a discipleship curriculum.

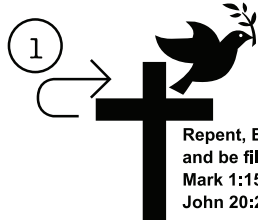


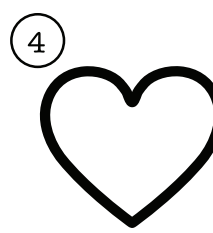
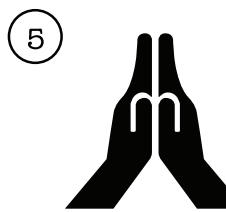

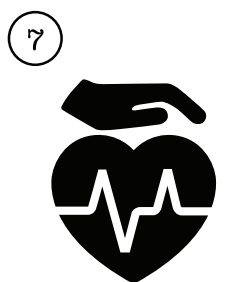
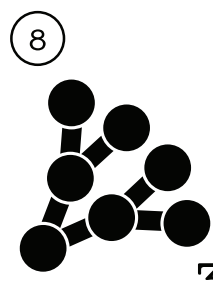
Our motivation is not earning merit but to show our love for Christ. See John 14:15 and John 15:14

We have found, especially in village settings that it is helpful to have trainees repeat the 8 Commands of Christ with hand gestures.

Lead trainees repeat the 8 Commands with hand gestures. Explain that many people especially youth and rural villagers get very bored with powerpoint presentations and long talks and need interactive skits and learn best with movement.

## 8 commands of Christ

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- 1  Repent, Believe Good News and be filled with Holy Spirit.  
Mark 1:15, Luke 24:45-48  
John 20:22
- 2  be baptzied and baptize others.  
Matt. 28:20
- 3  Take the Lord's Supper.  
Matt. 26:26
- 4  Love God, forgve and love one another  
Matthew 22:27-39
- 5  Pray.  
Matthew 6:9-13
- 6  Glve joyfully.  
Luke 6:38
- 7  Heal the sick, raise the dead, drive out demons.  
Matthew 10:8
- 8  Make dlsclples.  
Matt 28:20, 2 Tlm. 2:2

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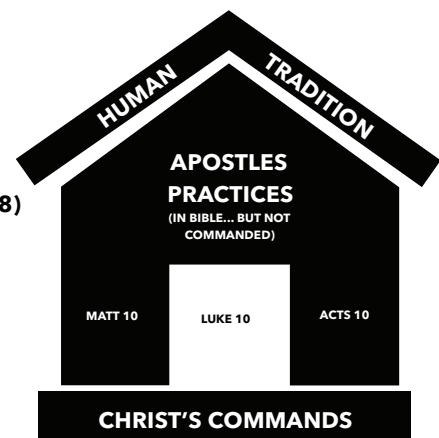
### Matthew 15:1-6

Jesus says misplacing human traditions above God's commands is wrong. But traditions in and of themselves are not wrong.

1) Christ's Commands (Mt 7:24-28)

2) Apostles Practices

3) Human Tradition



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Video of the 8 Basic commands hand gestures for Israeli Arab context.  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=j2aTR-ApEfs&t=13s>

### **Basic Commands of Christ**

1. Repent, believe the Good News, be filled with the Holy Spirit. Mark 1:15
2. Be baptized and baptize others. Matthew 28:20
3. Take the Lord's Supper Matthew 26:26
4. Love God, forgive and love one another Matthew 22:27-39
5. Pray. Matthew 6:9-13 KJV
6. Give joyfully. Luke 6:38
7. Heal the sick, raise the dead, drive out demons. Luke 10:7
8. Make disciples. Matthew 28:20, 2 Tim. 2:2

### **Apostolic Practices (scriptural blessing but not commanded) Level 2**

1. Baptize immediately, Acts 8:36, Acts 2:38-41
2. Catalyze micro church movements. First generation in Acts 2:37-47, second generation in Acts 13:1, third generation in Acts 14:23
3. Train leaders behind the scenes as Christ modeled in Luke 10
4. Find Persons of Peace and meet in their home or turf, Luke 10
5. Lay Hands on sick and command healing, Mark 16
6. Tell stories the way Christ and His Apostles did. Matthew 13:34
7. Using 1 cup for Lord's Supper instead of little cups. Matthew 26:26
8. form teams to go out, Luke 10:1
9. celebrate Jewish Holidays, Acts 18:21
10. praying in the Spirit by Speaking in Tongues, I Cor. 12
11. sharing holy meal together. I Cor. 14:26
12. worship once a week. Acts 20:7
13. corporate Reading Scripture. 1 Tim 4:13
14. holding possessions in common. Acts 4:32-35
15. fasting. Luke 5:35
16. Hold Council meetings to settle disagreements. Acts 15
17. Tentmaking 2 Thess. 3:8
18. Participatory Worship I Cor. 14:26
19. Women Gospel proclaimers and deacons. Romans 16

### **Human Traditions Level 3**

1. Seminary and Bible schools. Council of Toledo 527 AD
2. Sunday worship
3. Guitars and Praise teams
4. Church Buildings. 232 AD Dora Europa
5. Only meeting once a week
6. Clergy led baptism 200 AD Ignatius of Antioch
7. Sunday school started in 1780s
8. Alters and pulpits, 250 AD Cyprian Epistle 33.
9. Monologue sermons
10. Mission agencies.
11. Salaried ministers
12. Mega Churches. 1800s Charles Spurgeon's Baptist Metropolitan Tabernacle



## **8 Commands of Christ or 8 Ways to Love Christ**

**1. Repent, Believe the gospel and be filled with Holy Spirit-** Mk 1:15. Story of Death, Burial and Resurrection. Story of Pentecost Acts 2.

When the time for Pentecost was fulfilled, they were all in one place together. And suddenly there came from the sky a noise like a strong driving wind, and it filled the entire house in which they were. Then there appeared to them tongues as of fire, which parted and came to rest on each one of them. And they were all filled with the holy Spirit and began to speak in different tongues, as the Spirit enabled them to proclaim. Now there were devout Jews from every nation under heaven staying in Jerusalem. At this sound, they gathered in a large crowd, but they were confused because each one heard them speaking in his own language. They were astounded, and in amazement they asked, "Are not all these people who are speaking Galileans? Then how does each of us hear them in his own native language? We are Parthians, Medes ...,inhabitants of Mesopotamia, Judea, and Asia,... Egypt and the districts of Libya, and Rome, both Jews and converts to Judaism and ... Arabs, yet we hear them speaking in our own tongues of the mighty acts of God." They were all astounded and bewildered, and said to one another, "What does this mean?" But others said, scoffing, "They have had too much new wine."

Then Peter stood up with the Eleven, raised his voice, and proclaimed to them, "You who are Jews, indeed all of you staying in Jerusalem. Let this be known to you, and listen to my words. These people are not drunk, as you suppose, for it is only nine o'clock in the morning. No, this is what was spoken through the prophet Joel: God says, 'that I will pour out a portion of my spirit upon all people. Therefore let the whole house of Israel know for certain that God has made him both Lord and Messiah, this Jesus whom you crucified.'"

Now when they heard this, they were cut to the heart, and they asked Peter and the other apostles, "What are we to do, my brothers?" Peter to them, "Repent and be baptized, every one of you, in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins; and you will receive the gift of the holy Spirit. For the promise is made to you and to your children and to all those far off, whomever the Lord our God will call."

Have you received the Gift of the Holy Spirit in your life?

In the last part of the reading above, what did Peter tell the people do to be saved?

Who are you going to share this story with?

Let us examine what the apostle Peter tells them to do

1. Turn to God - Peter calls us to turn to God. This means a change of heart. God helps us to turn from sin to serve Him.
2. Be Baptized - Peter calls us to be baptized with water. Romans 6 reveals that our baptism confirms two things. First we are united with Christ in His death; we die in respect to our sin. Second, we are raised with Him to a new, holy life. Romans 6:8.
3. Receive the Holy Spirit - We let God invade our hearts. Peter promised the new believers who repented the gift of the Holy Spirit. We are born again through the

work of the Holy Spirit who dwells in us. We receive Him by faith. John 14:16-18, Galatians 3:1-6)

**2. Baptize others** to confirm repentance. command Mt 28:20, story Matt 3 Christ's baptism.

Then Jesus came from Galilee to John at the Jordan to be baptized by him. John tried to prevent him, saying, "I need to be baptized by you, and yet you are coming to me?" Jesus said to him in reply, "Allow it now, for thus it is fitting for us to fulfill all righteousness." Then he allowed him. After Jesus was baptized, he came up from the water and behold, the heavens were opened [for him], and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and coming upon him. And a voice came from the heavens, saying, "This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased."

Isa commanded His disciples not only to be baptized but also to baptize others, "go into all the world baptizing them in the name of the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you." Matthew 28:16-20

**Have you been baptized and have you baptized others? Share the story of Isa's baptism with other disciples of Jesus.**

**3. Practice Communion** Mt 26:26 Story of Last Supper and Betrayal

Preparations for the Passover. On the first day of the Feast of Unleavened Bread, the disciples approached Jesus and said, "Where do you want us to prepare for you to eat the Passover?" He said, "Go into the city to a certain man and tell him, 'The teacher says, "My appointed time draws near; in your house I shall celebrate the Passover with my disciples."'" The disciples then did as Jesus had ordered, and prepared the Passover.

The Betrayer. When it was evening, he reclined at table with the Twelve. And while they were eating, he said, "Amen, I say to you, one of you will betray me." Deeply distressed at this, they began to say to him one after another, "Surely it is not I, Lord?" He said in reply, "He who has dipped his hand into the dish with me is the one who will betray me. The Son of Man indeed goes, as it is written of him, but woe to that man by whom the Son of Man is betrayed. It would be better for that man if he had never been born." Then Judas, his betrayer, said in reply, "Surely it is not I, Rabbi?" He answered, "You have said so."

While they were eating, Jesus took bread, said the blessing, broke it, and giving it to his disciples said, "Take and eat; this is my body." Then he took a cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, "Drink from it, all of you, for this is my blood of the covenant, which will be shed on behalf of many for the forgiveness of sins. I tell you, from now on I shall not drink this fruit of the vine until the day when I drink it with you new in the kingdom of my Father." Then, after singing a hymn, they went out to the Mount of Olives.

Then Jesus said to them, "This night all of you will have your faith in me shaken, for it is written: 'I will strike the shepherd, and the sheep of the flock will be dispersed';

but after I have been raised up, I shall go before you to Galilee." Peter said to him in reply, "Though all may have their faith in you shaken, mine will never be." Jesus said to him, "Amen, I say to you, this very night before the cock crows, you will deny me three times." Peter said to him, "Even though I should have to die with you, I will not deny you." And all the disciples spoke likewise.

#### **4. Love, God, family and even enemies.** Story of Good Samaritan Luke 10

But because he wished to justify himself, he said to Jesus, "And who is my neighbor?" Jesus replied, "A man fell victim to robbers as he went down from Jerusalem to Jericho. They stripped and beat him and went off leaving him half-dead. A priest happened to be going down that road, but when he saw him, he passed by on the opposite side. Likewise a Levite came to the place, and when he saw him, he passed by on the opposite side. But a Samaritan traveler who came upon him was moved with compassion at the sight. He approached the victim, poured oil and wine over his wounds and bandaged them. Then he lifted him up on his own animal, took him to an inn and cared for him. The next day he took out two silver coins and gave them to the innkeeper with the instruction, 'Take care of him. If you spend more than what I have given you, I shall repay you on my way back.' Which of these three, in your opinion, was neighbor to the robbers' victim?" He answered, "The one who treated him with mercy." Jesus said to him, "Go and do likewise."

"If you love me then you will obey My commands" John 14:15. "You are My friends if you do what I command." John 15:14.

**How will you show God's love in practical ways?**

**Who will you share this story of Love with?**

5. **Pray** every day in Jesus name. Story of Persistent widow. Luke 18

Then he told them a parable about the necessity for them to pray always without becoming weary. He said, "There was a judge in a certain town who neither feared God nor respected any human being. And a widow in that town used to come to him and say, 'Render a just decision for me against my adversary.' For a long time the judge was unwilling, but eventually he thought, 'While it is true that I neither fear God nor respect any human being, because this widow keeps bothering me I shall deliver a just decision for her lest she finally come and strike me.'" The Lord said, "Pay attention to what the dishonest judge says. Will not God then secure the rights of his chosen ones who call out to him day and night? Will he be slow to answer them? I tell you, he will see to it that justice is done for them speedily. But when the Son of Man comes, will he find faith on earth?"

6. **Give** joyfully. Story of Widow's Mite. Luke 21

When he looked up he saw some wealthy people putting their offerings into the treasury and he noticed a poor widow putting in two small coins. He said, "I tell you truly, this poor widow put in more than all the rest; for those others have all made offerings from their surplus wealth, but she, from her poverty, has offered her whole livelihood."

7. **Heal the Sick, Raise the Dead, & Cast out demons.** Matt. 10, Luke 8.

Then they sailed to the territory of the Gerasenes,[i] which is opposite Galilee. 27 When he came ashore a man from the town who was possessed by demons met him. For a long time he had not worn clothes; he did not live in a house, but lived among the tombs. When he saw Jesus, he cried out and fell down before him; in a loud voice he shouted, "What have you to do with me, Jesus, son of the Most High God? I beg you, do not torment me!" For he had ordered the unclean spirit to come out of the man. (It had taken hold of him many times, and he used to be bound with chains and shackles as a restraint, but he would break his bonds and be driven by the demon into deserted places. Then Jesus asked him, "What is your name?" He replied, "Legion," because many demons had entered him. And they pleaded with him not to order them to depart to the pit

A herd of many swine was feeding there on the hillside, and they pleaded with him to allow them to enter those swine; and he let them. The demons came out of the man and entered the swine, and the herd rushed down the steep bank into the lake and was drowned. 34 When the swineherds saw what had happened, they ran away and

reported the incident in the town and throughout the countryside. People came out to see what had happened and, when they approached Jesus, they discovered the man from whom the demons had come out sitting at his feet. He was clothed and in his right mind, and they were seized with fear. 36 Those who witnessed it told them how the possessed man had been saved. The entire population of the region of the Gerasenes asked Jesus to leave them because they were seized with great fear. So he got into a boat and returned. 38 The man from whom the demons had come out begged to remain with him, but he sent him away, saying, "Return home and recount what God has done for you." The man went off and proclaimed throughout the whole town what Jesus had done for him

**8. Make Disciples,** Mt 28:20. Mt 7:24-28. (train them to obey the first 7 commands in love). Everyone who listens to these words of mine and acts on them will be like a wise man who built his house on rock. The rain fell, the floods came, and the winds blew and buffeted the house. But it did not collapse; it had been set solidly on rock. And everyone who listens to these words of mine but does not act on them will be like a fool who built his house on sand. The rain fell, the floods came, and the winds blew and buffeted the house. And it collapsed and was completely ruined."

What is that Rock in the story of Wise and Foolish Builders? Hint; it is not "Jesus". It is the Rock of Obedience

**Illustration skit. Matthew 7:24-28. Have a contractor face 2 people with arms extended like a house. Contractor hammers arms (rafters) together. Tropical Storm throws a little water on each house while beating each house. The house on the rock stands firm while the one on sand collapses.**

### **Buddhist Background Believer Movement Distinctive's**

1. Prioritize the Authority of Christ Word and Priesthood of All Believers.
2. Redeem Buddhist Holidays
3. Respect Parents and Elders
4. Use Buddhist worship forms and terms as much as possible
5. Do not call elders "Saya" in Christ's religion Matt 23:32
6. Respect Buddha but follow Christ



## **Present the Risen Christ in Homes of Sons of Peace**

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**Have trainees break up in small temporary training churches and study the Do's and Not Do's in Luke 10:1-11. After study have them write on a board two lists**

### **LUKE 10:1-11**

To Do's	Not To Do's

#### **To Do's**

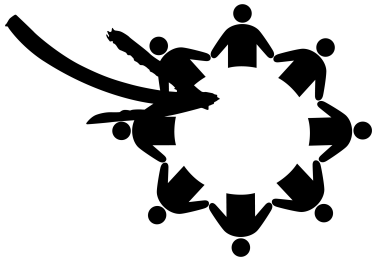
- **Eat what is set before you. Twice stated**
- **Stay on the turf of Son of Peace**
- **Go needy an Urgent**

#### **And Not To Do's**

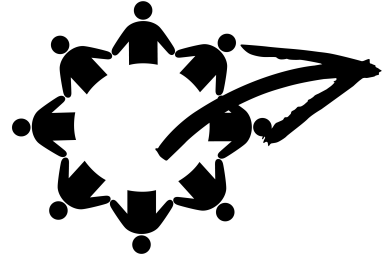
- **Don't move when you find a Person of who promotes peace**
- **Don't take money.**
- **Don't stay if they are not receptive.**

**illustration skit about Evangelism thru Oikos vs. Evangelism by Extraction. The wrong way and the Luke 10 and Acts 10 Biblical way.**

## Evangelism by Oikos



## Evangelism by extraction



**1 CORINTHIANS 7:20**

**Video illustration of this training skit can be viewed at the link below**

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=UIyU4c4OL1Q&t=131s>

**Warning** do not merely do additional model church in homes. Practice participatory style worship and inductive studies. see I Corinthians 14:26. Do not sermonize the lost but tell stories and ask questions as Christ did in Matthew 13:34. Do not force people to read but orally tell stories and leave them a few Bible stories written in the local language. Move from Indirect or inductive studies of the word to direct teaching. Sermons are for mature believers not for seekers or new disciples.

**Basic elements of the Gospel** that should be included in various evangelistic presentations. 70% of Gospel presentations ignore the resurrection.

- . Ask all to listen as four people read 1) Luke 24:46-48, 2) Acts 2:30-36, 3) I Cor. 15:1-5, and 4) Rom. 10:9, and then tell what facts to proclaim, that people must believe to be saved:  
Good answer: Jesus' death and His life-giving resurrection. NOTE: Western evangelists often neglect Jesus' life-giving resurrection when relating His saving work, but it was the central point of the apostles' witness.

**An Experiencing God Group (EGG)** is an evangelistic Bible study for seekers. It is an embryonic church. The EGG hatches into a "church" when believers are baptized. Many seekers can help other seekers inductively experience

the love and power of God before they even commit. You can ask for commitments to Christ once they have experienced the truths of Christ for themselves and start to obey all of Jesus commands. EGG groups can start other EGGs before they are committed believers. There should always be many more EGGs than churches.

**A Church** is a group of disciples, at least two or three, who gather together to meet with Jesus and obey all His commands in love. This is the lowest common denominator definition of church that we build more indigenous leadership structure upon. Churches practice the numerous “love one another” in scripture. It is equally important for a church to love other daughter, grand daughter and sister churches in their area or association of churches. The Church is the Bride of Christ that He laid down His life to save. We should love all the Bride of Christ and help her to grow until we all have unity of faith.

**An Association of churches** is a network of cooperating churches who partner together to disciple their people, area and countries. **A church multiplication movement** is birthed when networks of churches birth other associations of new churches as happened in the book of Acts. These associations do not have authority over the individual churches but can voluntarily come together to discuss projects and problems. The primarily Jewish churches discussed in Acts 11 and 15 to allow the non-Jews to be baptized in the Messiah.



## **Experiencing God Group EGG (4-2-4)**

1. What was the last lesson about and how did you obey it? (introduces element of accountability)
  2. What are you thankful for? (element of praise)
  3. What are you stressed about? (element of prayer)
  4. How can this group practically help you? (element of Healing and helping the needy)
- 2 x repeat Bible Story (see 10 EGG list).
1. What insights did you see in this Story?
  2. How do you interpret it and what do you feel Jesus saying to you?
  3. How will you implement this in your life? (write this down for next lesson)
  4. Who will you impart these insights with? (write down for next lesson, cast church multiplication vision)

## **10 Experiencing God Group Lessons**

1. Luke 19 Story of Jesus and Zacchaeus
2. Luke 7:36-50. Story of Christ at the Pharisee's house.
3. Luke 15:11-31 Story of the Loving Father and the 2 Lost sons.
4. Mark 2:1-12. Story of Christ's power to heal the sick and forgive sinners.
5. Luke 8:26-39. Story of Christ's power over evil and the unseen world.
6. Luke 22:66-23:25, 23:32-43. Jesus death on the cross and the criminal's forgiveness.
7. Genesis 2-3:15. Adam and Eve Story of fall and God's Promise of Salvation.
8. Genesis 6 Story of the Great Flood
9. Genesis 11. God Creates 70 Nations
10. Genesis 11:1-3. God Creates a nation with a Mission, Israel.

### **1. Experiencing God Group EGG Story Luke 19 Zacchaeus the Tax Collector**

Jesus entered Jericho and was passing through. A man was there by the name of Zacchaeus; he was a chief tax collector and was wealthy. He wanted to see who Jesus was, but because he was short he could not see over the crowd. So he ran ahead and climbed a sycamore-fig tree to see him, since Jesus was coming that way.

When Jesus reached the spot, he looked up and said to him, "Zacchaeus, come down immediately. I must stay at your house today." So he came down at once and welcomed him gladly.

All the people saw this and began to mutter, "He has gone to be the guest of a sinner."

But Zacchaeus stood up and said to the Lord, "Look, Lord! Here and now I give half of my possessions to the poor, and if I have cheated anybody out of anything, I will pay back four times the amount."

Jesus said to him, "Today salvation has come to this house, because this man, too, is a son of Abraham. For the Son of Man came to seek and to save the lost."

1. What truths did you learn about Jesus in this story?
2. What is God saying to you right now?
3. How can we live more like Jesus?
4. Who will you bless, or show Jesus' love with?

## **2. EGG Story Luke 7:36-50**

When one of the Pharisees invited Jesus to have dinner with him, he went to the Pharisee's house and reclined at the table. A woman in that town who lived a sinful life learned that Jesus was eating at the Pharisee's house, so she came there with an alabaster jar of perfume. As she stood behind him at his feet weeping, she began to wet his feet with her tears. Then she wiped them with her hair, kissed them and poured perfume on them.

When the Pharisee who had invited him saw this, he said to himself, "If this man were a prophet, he would know who is touching him and what kind of woman she is—that she is a sinner."

Jesus answered him, "Simon, I have something to tell you."

"Tell me, teacher," he said.

"Two people owed money to a certain moneylender. One owed him five hundred denarii, and the other fifty. Neither of them had the money to pay him back, so he forgave the debts of both. Now which of them will love him more?"

Simon replied, "I suppose the one who had the bigger debt forgiven."

"You have judged correctly," Jesus said.

Then he turned toward the woman and said to Simon, "Do you see this woman? I came into your house. You did not give me any water for my feet, but she wet my feet with her tears and wiped them with her hair. You did not give me a kiss, but this woman, from the time I entered, has not stopped kissing my feet. You did not put oil on my head, but she has poured perfume on my feet. Therefore, I tell you, her many sins have been forgiven—as her great love has shown. But whoever has been forgiven little loves little."

Then Jesus said to her, "Your sins are forgiven."

The other guests began to say among themselves, "Who is this who even forgives sins?"

Jesus said to the woman, "Your faith has saved you; go in peace."

### **4-2-4 Outline for Experiencing God Group**

1. What was the last lesson about and what did God do when you shared with your friend?
2. What are you thankful for?
3. What are you stressed about?
4. How can this group help you with your stress?

Tell story at least 2 times

1. What truths did you learn about Jesus in this story?
2. What is God saying to you right now?
3. How can we live more like Jesus?
4. Who will you bless, or show Jesus' love with?

## **3. EGG Story Luke 15:11-31**

"There was a man who had two sons. The younger one said to his father, 'Father, give me my share of the estate.' So he divided his property between them.

"Not long after that, the younger son got together all he had, set off for a distant country and there squandered his wealth in wild living. After he had spent everything, there was a severe famine in that whole country, and he began to be in need. So he went and hired himself out to a citizen of that country, who sent him to his fields to feed pigs. He longed to fill his stomach with the pods that the pigs were eating, but no one gave him anything.

"When he came to his senses, he said, 'How many of my father's hired servants have food to

spare, and here I am starving to death! I will set out and go back to my father and say to him: Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you. I am no longer worthy to be called your son; make me like one of your hired servants.’ So he got up and went to his father.

“But while he was still a long way off, his father saw him and was filled with compassion for him; he ran to his son, threw his arms around him and kissed him.

“The son said to him, ‘Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you. I am no longer worthy to be called your son.’

“But the father said to his servants, ‘Quick! Bring the best robe and put it on him. Put a ring on his finger and sandals on his feet. Bring the fattened calf and kill it. Let’s have a feast and celebrate. For this son of mine was dead and is alive again; he was lost and is found.’ So they began to celebrate.

“Meanwhile, the older son was in the field. When he came near the house, he heard music and dancing. So he called one of the servants and asked him what was going on. ‘Your brother has come,’ he replied, ‘and your father has killed the fattened calf because he has him back safe and sound.’

“The older brother became angry and refused to go in. So his father went out and pleaded with him. But he answered his father, ‘Look! All these years I’ve been slaving for you and never disobeyed your orders. Yet you never gave me even a young goat so I could celebrate with my friends. But when this son of yours who has squandered your property with prostitutes comes home, you kill the fattened calf for him!’ ““My son,” the father said, “you are always with me, and everything I have is yours. But we had to celebrate and be glad, because this brother of yours was dead and is alive again; he was lost and is found.”

1. What was the last lesson about and what did God do when you shared with your friend?

2. What are you thankful for?

3. What are you stressed about?

4. How can this group help you with your stress?

Tell story at least 2 times

1. What truths did you learn about Jesus in this story?

2. What is God saying to you right now?

3. How can we live more like Jesus?

4. Who will you bless, or show Jesus’ love with ?

### **EGG Story 4 Mark 2:2-12**

A few days later, when Jesus again entered Capernaum, the people heard that he had come home. They gathered in such large numbers that there was no room left, not even outside the door, and he preached the word to them. Some men came, bringing to him a paralyzed man, carried by four of them. Since they could not get him to Jesus because of the crowd, they made an opening in the roof above Jesus by digging through it and then lowered the mat the man was lying on. When Jesus saw their faith, he said to the paralyzed man, “Son, your sins are forgiven.”

Now some teachers of the law were sitting there, thinking to themselves, “Why does this fellow talk like that? He’s blaspheming! Who can forgive sins but God alone?”

Immediately Jesus knew in his spirit that this was what they were thinking in their hearts, and he said to them, “Why are you thinking these things? Which is easier: to say to this paralyzed man, ‘Your sins are forgiven,’ or to say, ‘Get up, take your mat and walk’? But I want you to know that

the Son of Man has authority on earth to forgive sins.” So he said to the man, “I tell you, get up, take your mat and go home.” He got up, took his mat and walked out in full view of them all. This amazed everyone and they praised God, saying, “We have never seen anything like this!”

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Tell story at least 2 times

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2. What is God saying to you right now?
3. How can we live more like Jesus?
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### 5. EGG Story Luke 8:26-39

They sailed to the region of the Gerasenes, which is across the lake from Galilee. When Jesus stepped ashore, he was met by a demon-possessed man from the town. For a long time this man had not worn clothes or lived in a house, but had lived in the tombs. When he saw Jesus, he cried out and fell at his feet, shouting at the top of his voice, “What do you want with me, Jesus, Son of the Most High God? I beg you, don’t torture me!” For Jesus had commanded the impure spirit to come out of the man. Many times it had seized him, and though he was chained hand and foot and kept under guard, he had broken his chains and had been driven by the demon into solitary places.

Jesus asked him, “What is your name?”

“Legion,” he replied, because many demons had gone into him. And they begged Jesus repeatedly not to order them to go into the Abyss.

A large herd of pigs was feeding there on the hillside. The demons begged Jesus to let them go into the pigs, and he gave them permission. When the demons came out of the man, they went into the pigs, and the herd rushed down the steep bank into the lake and was drowned.

When those tending the pigs saw what had happened, they ran off and reported this in the town and countryside, and the people went out to see what had happened. When they came to Jesus, they found the man from whom the demons had gone out, sitting at Jesus’ feet, dressed and in his right mind; and they were afraid. Those who had seen it told the people how the demon-possessed man had been cured. Then all the people of the region of the Gerasenes asked Jesus to leave them, because they were overcome with fear. So he got into the boat and left.

The man from whom the demons had gone out begged to go with him, but Jesus sent him away, saying, “Return home and tell how much God has done for you.” So the man went away and told all over town how much Jesus had done for him.

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#### **6. EGG Story. Luke 22:66-23:44**

At daybreak the council of the elders of the people, both the chief priests and the teachers of the law, met together, and Jesus was led before them. "If you are the Messiah," they said, "tell us." Jesus answered, "If I tell you, you will not believe me, and if I asked you, you would not answer. 69 But from now on, the Son of Man will be seated at the right hand of the mighty God."

They all asked, "Are you then the Son of God?"

He replied, "You say that I am."

Then they said, "Why do we need any more testimony? We have heard it from his own lips."

Then the whole assembly rose and led him off to Pilate. And they began to accuse him, saying, "We have found this man subverting our nation. He opposes payment of taxes to Caesar and claims to be Messiah, a king."

So Pilate asked Jesus, "Are you the king of the Jews?" "You have said so," Jesus replied.

Then Pilate announced to the chief priests and the crowd, "I find no basis for a charge against this man." But they insisted, "He stirs up the people all over Judea by his teaching. He started in Galilee and has come all the way here." On hearing this, Pilate asked if the man was a Galilean. When he learned that Jesus was under Herod's jurisdiction, he sent him to Herod, who was also in Jerusalem at that time. When Herod saw Jesus, he was greatly pleased, because for a long time he had been wanting to see him. From what he had heard about him, he hoped to see him perform a sign of some sort. He plied him with many questions, but Jesus gave him no answer. The chief priests and the teachers of the law were standing there, vehemently accusing him. Then Herod and his soldiers ridiculed and mocked him. Dressing him in an elegant robe, they sent him back to Pilate. That day Herod and Pilate became friends—before this they had been enemies. Pilate called together the chief priests, the rulers and the people, and said to them, "You brought me this man as one who was inciting the people to rebellion. I have examined him in your presence and have found no basis for your charges against him. Neither has Herod, for he sent him back to us; as you can see, he has done nothing to deserve death. Therefore, I will punish him and then release him."

But the whole crowd shouted, "Away with this man! Release Barabbas to us!" (Barabbas had been thrown into prison for an insurrection in the city, and for murder.)

Wanting to release Jesus, Pilate appealed to them again. But they kept shouting, "Crucify him! Crucify him!"

For the third time he spoke to them: "Why? What crime has this man committed? I have found in him no grounds for the death penalty. Therefore I will have him punished and then release him."

But with loud shouts they insistently demanded that he be crucified, and their shouts prevailed.

So Pilate decided to grant their demand. He released the man who had been thrown into prison for insurrection and murder, the one they asked for, and surrendered Jesus to their will.

**The Crucifixion of Jesus**

As the soldiers led him away, they seized Simon from Cyrene, who was on his way in from the country, and put the cross on him and made him carry it behind Jesus. A large number of people followed him, including women who mourned and wailed for him. Jesus turned and said to them, "Daughters of Jerusalem, do not weep for me; weep for yourselves and for your children. For the

time will come when you will say, 'Blessed are the childless women, the wombs that never bore and the breasts that never nursed!' Then

“they will say to the mountains, “Fall on us!” and to the hills, “Cover us!””

For if people do these things when the tree is green, what will happen when it is dry?”

Two other men, both criminals, were also led out with him to be executed. When they came to the place called the Skull, they crucified him there, along with the criminals—one on his right, the other on his left. Jesus said, “Father, forgive them, for they do not know what they are doing.” And they divided up his clothes by casting lots.

The people stood watching, and the rulers even sneered at him. They said, “He saved others; let him save himself if he is God’s Messiah, the Chosen One.”

The soldiers also came up and mocked him. They offered him wine vinegar and said, “If you are the king of the Jews, save yourself.”

There was a written notice above him, which read: this is the king of the jews.

One of the criminals who hung there hurled insults at him: “Aren’t you the Messiah? Save yourself and us!”

But the other criminal rebuked him. “Don’t you fear God,” he said, “since you are under the same sentence? We are punished justly, for we are getting what our deeds deserve. But this man has done nothing wrong.”

Then he said, “Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom.”

Jesus answered him, “Truly I tell you, today you will be with me in paradise.”

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## **7 EGG Story Genesis 2-3:15**

Thus the heavens and the earth were completed in all their vastness.

By the seventh day God had finished the work he had been doing; so on the seventh day he rested from all his work. Then God blessed the seventh day and made it holy, because on it he rested from all the work of creating that he had done.

Adam and Eve

This is the account of the heavens and the earth when they were created, when the Lord God made the earth and the heavens.

Now no shrub had yet appeared on the earth and no plant had yet sprung up, for the Lord God had not sent rain on the earth and there was no one to work the ground, but streams came up from the earth and watered the whole surface of the ground. Then the Lord God formed a man from the dust of the ground and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life, and the man became a living being.

Now the Lord God had planted a garden in the east, in Eden; and there he put the man he had formed. The Lord God made all kinds of trees grow out of the ground—trees that were pleasing to the eye and good for food. In the middle of the garden were the tree of life and the tree of the knowledge of good and evil.

A river watering the garden flowed from Eden; from there it was separated into four headwaters. The name of the first is the Pishon; it winds through the entire land of Havilah, where there is gold. (The gold of that land is good; aromatic resin and onyx are also there.) The name of the second river is the Gihon; it winds through the entire land of Cush. The name of the third river is the Tigris; it runs along the east side of Ashur. And the fourth river is the Euphrates.

The Lord God took the man and put him in the Garden of Eden to work it and take care of it. 16 And the Lord God commanded the man, “You are free to eat from any tree in the garden; but you must not eat from the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, for when you eat from it you will certainly die.”

The Lord God said, “It is not good for the man to be alone. I will make a helper suitable for him.”

Now the Lord God had formed out of the ground all the wild animals and all the birds in the sky.

He brought them to the man to see what he would name them; and whatever the man called each living creature, that was its name. So the man gave names to all the livestock, the birds in the sky and all the wild animals.

But for Adam no suitable helper was found. So the Lord God caused the man to fall into a deep sleep; and while he was sleeping, he took one of the man’s ribs and then closed up the place with flesh. Then the Lord God made a woman from the rib he had taken out of the man, and he brought her to the man.

The man said, “This is now bone of my bones and flesh of my flesh; she shall be called ‘woman,’ for she was taken out of man.”

That is why a man leaves his father and mother and is united to his wife, and they become one flesh.

Adam and his wife were both naked, and they felt no shame.

Now the serpent was more crafty than any of the wild animals the Lord God had made. He said to the woman, “Did God really say, ‘You must not eat from any tree in the garden’?”

The woman said to the serpent, “We may eat fruit from the trees in the garden, 3 but God did say, ‘You must not eat fruit from the tree that is in the middle of the garden, and you must not touch it, or you will die.’”

“You will not certainly die,” the serpent said to the woman. “For God knows that when you eat from it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil.”

When the woman saw that the fruit of the tree was good for food and pleasing to the eye, and also desirable for gaining wisdom, she took some and ate it. She also gave some to her husband, who was with her, and he ate it. Then the eyes of both of them were opened, and they realized they were naked; so they sewed fig leaves together and made coverings for themselves.

Then the man and his wife heard the sound of the Lord God as he was walking in the garden in the cool of the day, and they hid from the Lord God among the trees of the garden. But the Lord God called to the man, “Where are you?”

He answered, “I heard you in the garden, and I was afraid because I was naked; so I hid.” And he said, “Who told you that you were naked? Have you eaten from the tree that I commanded you not to eat from?”

The man said, “The woman you put here with me—she gave me some fruit from the tree, and I ate it.”

Then the Lord God said to the woman, “What is this you have done?”

The woman said, “The serpent deceived me, and I ate.”

So the Lord God said to the serpent, “Because you have done this,

“Cursed are you above all livestock and all wild animals!

You will crawl on your belly and you will eat dust all the days of your life. And I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your offspring and hers; he will crush your head, and you will strike his heel.”

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### **8. EGG Story** Genesis 6-8 simplified version “The Great Flood”

In the course of time, people became extremely wicked. All of their thoughts and actions were evil. Yet, a man named Noah was righteous and walked with God. The Lord said to him, “The Earth will be destroyed with a flood because the people are wicked. Therefore, I’m making an agreement with you to preserve life on the earth. Build an ark. I’ll give you exact dimensions I want you to use. After you’re done, a flood will cover the highest mountain and all of the people and animals on the earth and will die. You and your family will be saved, as well as the animals you take with you.” God gave him the dimensions and building instructions, and Noah did exactly as God said. Noah warned the people for 120 years that the flood was coming but only his family, 8 people in all obeyed and were saved. He and his three sons built the ark. When it was done, God said, “Noah, go into the ark with your family. After seven days, water will fall upon the earth and every person and animal will be destroyed except those on this ark.” So Noah and his wife, his sons and their wives moved into the ark. Once they were there, animals and birds started coming in pairs, male and female. There were seven pairs of clean animals, seven pairs of birds, and only one pair of all the rest. When Noah finally had every kind of animal and bird, God closed the door. On the seventh day, the waters that were above the sky started falling to the earth. At the same time, the earth erupted, sending fountains of water shooting up from beneath the ground. Waters flowed down the hills and filled the valleys. Eventually it covered the entire earth. All the people and animals living on the land were destroyed. Those same waters lifted Noah’s ark above the destruction. The people, animals, and birds that were in the ark were



safe while the whole earth was being destroyed. This great flood of water lasted forty days and covered the entire world. And then, it stopped. Noah's ark floated on the water for 110 days after it stopped raining. The water flowed down to form oceans, seas, and lakes. There were also winds that moved across the earth to dry it off.

The ark landed on a mountain called Ararat. Noah waited for another four months and then opened the window to see what was on the earth. He sent out a raven, but it never came back. Next he sent out a dove, which flew around but couldn't find a place to nest. Soon it returned to the ark and Noah took it in. After seven days, he sent out the dove again. It came back that night with an olive leaf in its beak. Noah then knew that plants were growing once again. He waited seven more days and sent out the dove a third time. It didn't come back. A month later, Noah opened the door on the ark and saw that the earth was dry. God blessed Noah's family and said, "I am blessing you. Your family and the animals may leave the ark. You're to multiply and repopulate the earth." Once they were out of the ark, Noah built an altar so they could worship God. The Lord smelled the gift and said to Noah and his sons, "Look into the clouds and see the rainbow. This is my promise to you. When I look at it and when you look at it, we will remember this promise. Water will never again destroy the entire earth."

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#### **9. EGG Story. Genesis 11 "God Creates the Nations"**

Noah's three sons had large families, with many children and grandchildren.

A man named Nimrod became the first king and his kingdom was called Babylon. The people of Babylon realized that their potential was greater if they stayed together, and not go throughout the world like God had said. So they built a tower that went high into the sky – high enough so everyone could see it. They said to themselves, we will make ourselves a tower and make ourselves famous." God looked at the tower and said, "The people are disobeying my command. If they stay together then their pride will increase. I will confuse their language."

Suddenly the people couldn't understand one another because they spoke many different languages. They became confused and didn't know what was happening to them. Immediately, the work on the tower stopped. They formed seventy different nations according to their language and they finally moved to other parts of the world as God had previously told them to do.

The tower became known as the tower of confusion, or the Tower of Babel. The oldest son of Noah was Shem. One of his descendants was a man named Peleg. His name means division, because at the time of his birth, the earth divided. His great, great, great grandson was Abraham.

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### **10 EGG Story** Genesis 12:1-3

When Abram was 75 years old, the LORD said, "Abram, I want you to leave your family and country and go to a place I have selected for you. I'll make you a nation and your name will be great. I'll bless you, and I'll also bless everyone else who blesses you. And I'll curse anyone who curses you. All the families of the earth will be blessed because of you."

So Abram and his wife Sarai started their journey following God. He took them to a place called Canaan and said, "I'm giving this land to you and your children." Abram believed God, even though he didn't have any children. He knew God would keep His promise. So he built an altar in the new land God had given him, and worshipped the Lord.

God then told Abram about the future of his children. "They will leave this land and go down into Egypt for 400 years. At the end of the 400 years I will then bring them back to this land through a Deliver who I will raise up. Years went by and Abram prospered in the land. One night the Lord said, "I'm your shield and exceeding great reward."

Abram answered, "Lord God, I still don't have a son, but I have a servant that is like a son to me. Let him inherit your promises to me." "No!" God said, "You will have a son, and he'll be your heir. Abram, look at the stars in the sky. Your descendants will be as hard to count as those stars."

This seemed impossible to Abram, but he believed God's promise and God took record of his righteous faith! When Abram was 99 years old, the Lord said to him, "You'll be the father of many nations, and some of your descendants will be kings! Therefore I'm changing your name to Abraham, the 'father of many nations'. Your wife's name will now be called Sarah." Abraham laughed and said, "How is it possible for a man who is 100 years old and a woman who is 90 years old to have a child?"

God said, "Sarah will have a son and you'll call his name Isaac. I'll give my promises to him and his descendants, and I'll be their God. And the whole earth will be blessed because of them." When Isaac was a young man, God came to Abraham and said, "Abraham, take Isaac, the son you love so dearly, and go to a place I'll show you. There, I want you to give his life as a burnt offering." And so the next morning, Abraham got up early and cut wood for the offering. He saddled a donkey, took two servants, and started on the journey. Three days later, Abraham saw the place God had selected. He said to his servants, "Stay here. Isaac and I will go and worship the Lord. We'll come back after we worship." He told Isaac to carry the wood. Abraham took wood and a knife. Isaac looked around and asked: "Father, we have the wood and the fire, but where is the lamb for the Life Offering." Abraham looked at his son and finally said, "God will provide Himself an offering for worship." When they got to the place God had selected, Abraham built an altar and arranged the wood on top. Next, he tied up his son and

put him on top of the wood. He then reached for the knife to present his son as a Life Offering. Suddenly God said, "Abraham, Abraham! Don't touch your son! Don't do anything to him! For now I know you really my follower, since you were willing to give Me your son!" With that, Abraham looked up and saw a ram with his horns caught in a bush. He took the ram and used him as the life offering instead of his son. Abraham named the place "The Lord Will Provide". Afterwards, God said to Abraham, "Because you have obeyed Me, I'll bless you and your descendants. Look at the stars. I'll make your descendants as hard to count as those stars. Look at the sand; your descendants will be as hard to count as the sand on the seashore. On top of that, I'll make them successful, even in the cities of their enemies! And the whole earth will be blessed because of your children." Then Abraham and Isaac went back to where the servants were waiting, and together they went home.

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### **Eat**

**Luke 10:7,8** Eat what is put before you. Receive food and drink. Share a meal and bond with person of peace.

Take down all racial, gender and age barriers.

Do not bring your own food, come needy trusting in God's provision

Additional scripture in context: 1 Corinthians 8 - Romans 14 - 1 Corinthians 10:27.

**Acts 10:15** - "Do not call unclean what God has made clean" Matthew 15:11 What goes into someone's mouth does not defile them, but what comes out of their mouth, that is what defiles them."



**Matthew 10:8**

### **Heal the sick**

**Luke 10:9**

Pray to the Father and speak to the mountain of sickness. You don't have to speak loud. You don't have to be weird. James 5:13-15

What should we do if the sick are not healed?

Ask what needs to be healed, don't assume.

Never accuse someone of being sick due to a lack of faith. Don't give up

Repeat command

Love the sick



### **Authority to Baptize**

Jesus was baptized - Matthew 3

Jesus baptized others - John 3:22

Jesus disciples baptized others - John 4:1-2

Matthew 28:16-20: Baptized all nations, all disciples obeyed his commands. 3rd generation baptizer's: Acts 8:36; 9:18

who can baptize? when can they baptize?



### **Behind the scenes Shepherd Coaching**

If we don't coach new leaders then Church Multiplication Movements will not become sustainable.

#### **Luke 10:17-24 L.E.A.P. P -**

LISTEN,  
EVALUATE,  
ASSIGN NEW TASKS/STUDIES,  
PRAY FOR THEM,  
PRAISE THEM

John 3:30

Acts 18:18

N.T: 2 Timothy 2:2

O.T: Exodus 18:23 - 1000's, 100's, 50's, 10's

#### **CHAINS OF LEADERSHIP**

How did Moses lead 6 million Israelites out of slavery? Appointing regional

Elders: Titus 1:5

Acts 18:18

2 Timothy 2:2 and Exodus 18:23

**Wash trainees feet with basin and towel and  
Commission them to go multiply networks of house  
churches.**

#### **Illustration Skit**

**Trace the mentoring 'chain' that is mentioned in  
Colossians and 2 Tim. 2:2.**

**Colossae lies about 100 miles up the river valley from  
Ephesus, Laodicea and Hierapolis about 10 and 12**

miles beyond Colossae.

Link a. Paul, in prison part of the time, writing epistles

Link b. Timothy, resident apostle at Ephesus

Link c. Epaphras, traveled between Colossae and Ephesus  
Link d. Archippus, at Colossae

Link e. Nympha, at Laodicea  
Link f. Others, at Hierapolis

### **Illustration Game Sheep and Wolves**

Spread out three flocks of sheep as far as you can in a room or courtyard. Announce that there is one Shepherd but two wolves. The wolves can kill sheep by touching two hands on one shoulder and the shepherd can kill the wolves the same way. Have Satan character laugh while coaching wolves to destroy the flocks.

Have she/herd assess how many sheep here killed.

Restart game but this time have shepherd train 2 more shepherds to guard each of the three flock. Wolves are a lot less effective when more shepherds are trained. Ask participants, "Why must we train and spend time coaching more Shepherds?" Answer should be obvious.

### **Video of Sheep and Wolves (tigers) training exercise**

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Jrlppo4zKl4&t=48s>

### **APEST Action steps**

"Do the work of an evangelist"

All believers are not gifted at all of the 5 roles in Ephesians 4:11 but all believers can and should do the work of Apostles, Prophets, Evangelists, Shepherds, and Teachers. Common objection and excuse, "But I am just not gifted to disciple people therefore I am exempt."

### **Apostles**

Finds cultural Bridges to share gospel

Crosses Cultures and Hinderances

Multiplies new churches

Cast Vision to start movements.

Performs Signs and Wonders

**Prophets**

Calls people to repent  
Teaches people to speak to God  
Hears what God is saying  
Warns God's people  
Gives predictive prophecy

**Evangelists**

Seeks the Lost  
Heals the Sick  
Penetrates Darkness  
Adds new believers to churches  
Communicates gospel clearly and quickly

**Shepherds**

Protects God's sheep against Wolves. 5 types of spiritual Wolves.  
Feeds God's sheep  
Lovingly corrects and counsel God's sheep  
Guides God's sheep  
Counts the sheep

**Teacher**

Grounds churches in Apostles' Doctrine  
Equips believers to study Bible.  
Trains believers to effectively and creatively communicate well.  
Teaches churches how to practically apply God's word.  
Teaches church history



Help new shepherds track who and where their sheep and flocks are located. Help them create a Link Analysis report “L.A. Report” which tracks the number and quality of each church. Each L.A. report should have the start and end dates along with the number of new believers, baptized believers, E.G.G. seeker groups, and new churches,

Help associations of churches identify neglect areas and peoples who need more disciples and churches. Cast vision for the associations to give towards sharing the gospels catalyzing new churches in these areas.

Identify who the Holy Spirit is calling to complete Christ’s Commission in Matthew 28:16-20. Churches should have a ceremony where they Bless and Release new missionaries to complete Christ’s Commission.

Help new missionaries identify Gospel Bridges for sharing the gospel in pioneer areas.

Gospel Bridge for Jewish Worldview

Gospel Bridges for Buddhist Worldview, Chinese, Tribal, Sikh, Hindu, Scientific (Atheist worldview). There more resistant a worldview is the more cultural study is needed from successful practitioners. Cultural insiders are far superior than books written by foreigners. Trust the Holy Spirit in the hearts of new believers to find the best practices for sharing in various context.



## **Phenomenon of Church Multiplication in the Jesus People Movement.**

**Jay Judson 10/17/2018**

From 1966 to 1976 between 2 to 3 million Americans<sup>5</sup> were swept up into a movement that has had lasting impact on the body of Christ in the Western world. The Jesus People Movement “the JPM” has been described as several different sociological phenomena<sup>6</sup> but at its heart it was a Church Multiplication Movement, CMM. The grandfather of the modern vision and biblical explanation of CMM, Dr. George Patterson<sup>7</sup>, defines a CMM as a spontaneous multiplication of churches and disciples, that result in a sustainable movement of daughter, grand daughter and great grand daughter congregations with the vast majority of members comprised of new believers and informally trained church elders. A CMM is not as much a methodology as it is a biblical vision. Church Growth statistician, Ed Stetzer has recently stated that there have been no case of such movements in the Western world that have resulted in at least 1,000 churches.<sup>8</sup>

The Jesus People Movement started in the North Bay Area of San Francisco, California through the ministry of First Baptist Church Mill Valley (now Miller’s Ave Baptist) as well as through Golden Gate Baptist Theological Seminary student Kent Philpott. Former counter-culture Bohemians or *beatniks* Ted and Liz Wise started the House of Acts with former music producer Steve Heifner, his wife and four other couples. Although the *House of Acts* did not call itself a “church” they included the basic elements of church. Ted Wise stated that House of Acts was better than “church” because they used the book of Acts as a script and emulated sharing all things in common as in Acts chapter 2.<sup>9</sup> Most communes baptized new believers, offered communion, and most appointed “elders”. These “Christian communes” or “Jesus houses” became the pattern of over 8,000 communes. Early Jesus movement catalysts were asked what was the difference between Jesus houses and “church” and they all said that it is basically the

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<sup>5</sup> <https://christianhistoryinstitute.org/magazine/article/history-in-the-making-longhairs-for-jesus>

<sup>6</sup> In the book *God’s Forever Family*, Wheaton College professor Larry Eskridge considers the JPM a “Youth Movement” and Pentecostal researcher, Richard Bustraan classifies the JPM as a Pentecostal Phenomenon as the Azusa Street type movement, in *The Jesus People Movement, A Story of Spiritual Revolution*.

<sup>7</sup> Cole, Neil TruthQuest, 1-12

<sup>8</sup> <https://newchurches.com/blogs/1000churches/>

<sup>9</sup> Wise Ted

same function.<sup>10</sup> These unofficial churches multiplied from Hawaii to Florida but particularly concentrated on the west coast of the U.S.<sup>11</sup> I developed a link analysis drawing of my research on the JPM can be seen at the end of this article.

Partially due to the counter-cultural context from which most JPM new converts originated, the JPM was largely isolated from the vast majority of the existing church. The traditional church outright rejected the early JPM. There was great mistrust between the counter-culture and the majority of the population. As a result of this distrust eighty percent of those who came to Christ during the JPM did not attend traditional church but were disciplined in Jesus houses which acted in place of more traditional churches. They did not give up meeting together but gathered in homes, coffee houses, and schools. Approximately twenty percent of new believers joined traditional churches that took the opportunity to advance the mega-church model like Calvary chapel and the Vineyard church.<sup>12</sup>

Apostolic catalyst, Lonnie Frisbee, an art student from the Art Academy of San Francisco joined the Wise's group in Novato, California in 1966 and the team began to do outreach in the Haight-Ashbury section of San Francisco. The Haight was experiencing the hippie movement and Lonnie and the Wise's team ministered to 30,000 people and started to bear much fruit among the Hippies just as "the Summer of Love" had commenced. Jesus was presented as "the First Hippie" and hippies were invited to "turn on to Jesus." The House of Acts started a daughter church, "The Living Room" who soon started other "Jesus houses" in the Haight. At the same time Golden Gate Baptist Seminary students started to do outreach in downtown San Francisco (the same Southern Baptist seminary where this author graduated). Kent Philpott, Timothy Wu, Paul Bryant and Oliver Heath started to see drug addicts set free and at least half a dozen "Jesus houses" began to multiply across the district.<sup>13</sup> At the "Soul Inn" Philpott recalled a miracle of food multiply miraculously. With the encouragement of Philpott's mentor Golden Gate mission's professor Dr. Francis DuBose,<sup>14</sup> instigated United Youth Ministries that invited Ted Wise's team and two dozen ministries to synergies focus, share best practices and channel resources. The multiplication slowed significantly in the Bay Area around 1972.<sup>15</sup> Philpott noticed a steady decline of healings before the number of new believers decreased.

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<sup>10</sup> Interviews with Kent Philpott, Oliver Heath and Mark Buckley.

<sup>11</sup> <https://www.google.com/amp/s/www.nycreligion.info/jesus-york-jew/amp/>

<sup>12</sup> Philpott, Dr. Kent. Personal Communication Sept, 2018.

<sup>13</sup> A google map of the JPM  
<https://www.google.com/maps/d/viewer?msa=0&mid=1NNgn6xuJu-Z4a-4hK7Dle02Pduk&ll=30.99350304640362%2C-97.40493506250004&z=4>

<sup>14</sup> Philpott, Kent. Memoirs of a Jesus Freak. Chapter 4.

<sup>15</sup> Philpott, Kent. Awakenings in America p. 120.

One primary evangelistic outreach at the beginning of the JPM were evangelistic bible studies in “Christian Coffee Houses.” The coffee house method provided a laid back atmosphere for young people and hippies to experience the love, power and truths of Christ in a non-confrontational format. Even though confrontational street preaching was effective the Christian Coffee House became the primary mood of evangelistic success in the burgeoning Jesus People Movement.<sup>16</sup> As young musicians came to Christ a new form of music developed out of these Christian Coffee houses that later became the Christian Contemporary Music industry.

Philpott started a Bible study in a Hindu Temple and led David Hoyt to Christ. David was baptized and discipled in Philpott’s house on the seminary campus on Judson Lane and after the teams’ short mission trip to the southeast Hoyt and his wife felt called to start Jesus Houses among Bible Belt Hippies and Youth in Atlanta. Hoyt’s influence quickly spread to surrounding states and Christian coffee and Jesus Houses multiplied to Nashville, Tennessee.

As in most moves of God, Satanic opposition comes from both within the church as well as from without the Body of Christ. A satanic counterfeit of the work of the Holy Spirit came in the form of a cult called “The Children of God” (COG) founded by David Berg. Cults tend to act like parasites of the Living Body of Christ and the COG quickly led David Hoyt and his wife temporarily into their manipulative network.

Before marrying and relocating his family to Northern California Lonnie Frisbee had already started sharing the gospel in homes in his native Southern California. In 1968, after receiving more discipleship in the House of Acts up North, Lonnie and Connie moved to his native Costa Mesa, CA. On one evangelistic tour 18 year old Lonnie was introduced to Pastor Chuck Smith. Chuck’s tiny church started to rapidly grow when he invited Lonnie to preach and Lonnie was allowed to start Jesus Houses called “The House of Miracles”.

Another key ingredient of the JPM were signs and wonders. In the House of Miracles, thousands of possessed individuals were delivered from demons and many more were dramatically healed as Frisbee modeled and trained new believers to lay hands on the sick.<sup>17</sup> Frisbee reported that at one point their team was seeing 500 people baptized a month in the Pacific. This caught the American media’s attention and the fame of Chuck Smith’s Calvary Chapel began to grow far beyond the Apostolic Catalyst for the movement, Lonnie Frisbee. Eighty percent of the new believers did not join the traditional Calvary Chapel but simply were discipled in the House of Miracles that began to multiply up and down the West Coast of the US.

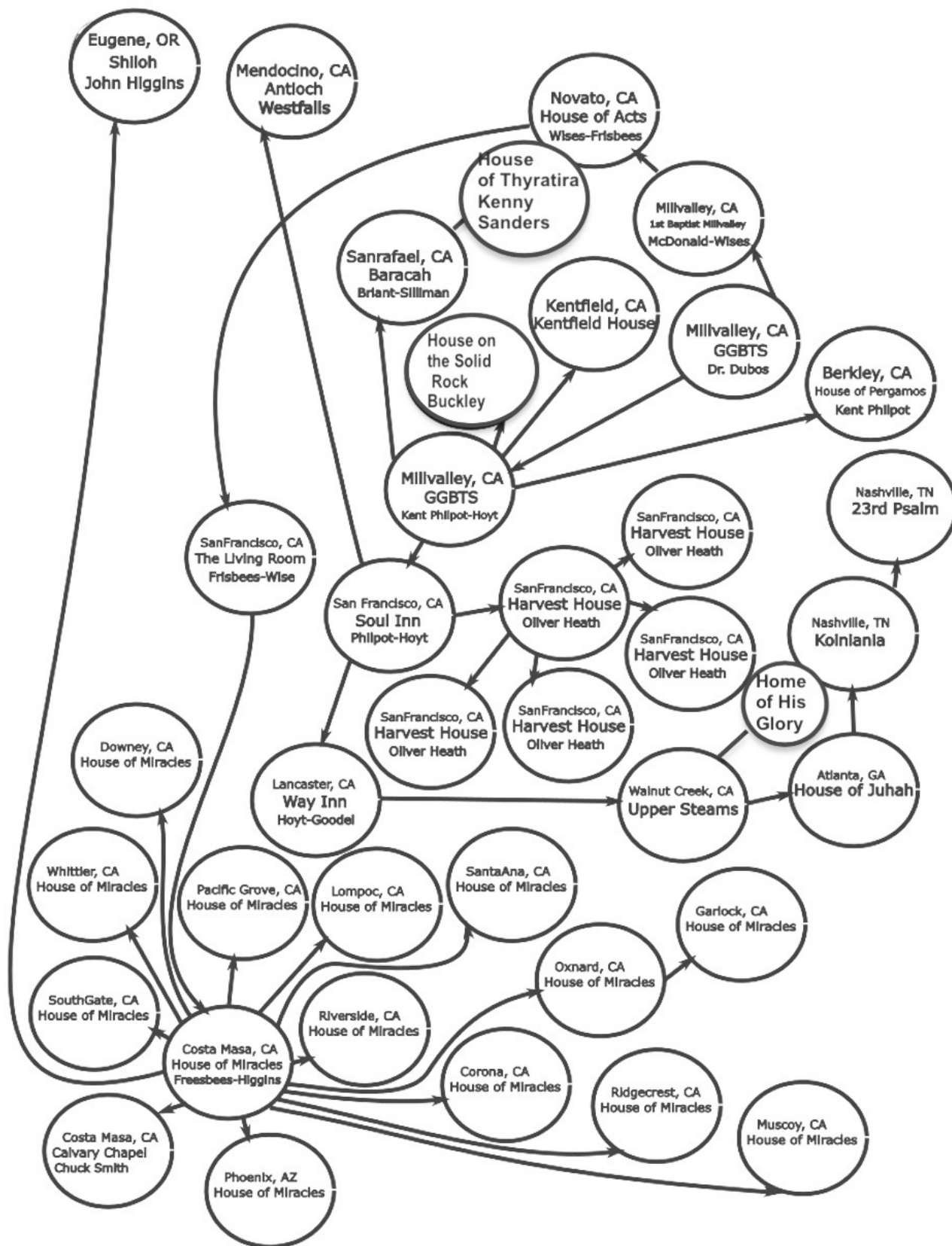
The indigenous forms of music that sprang out of the JPM began to affect traditional evangelical and charismatic churches like Calvary Chapel. Frisbee carried the spirit of

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<sup>16</sup> [http://www.earthenvesseljournal.com/issue04+/articles/Hoyt/Hoyt\\_13.html](http://www.earthenvesseljournal.com/issue04+/articles/Hoyt/Hoyt_13.html)

<sup>17</sup> Frisbee, Lonnie, “Not by Might nor by Power”

## Early Jesus People Movement 1967-1972 catalyzed in San Francisco Bay, California



the JPM to South Africa where nearly the entire Baptist denomination were swept up in the manifestations of the Holy Spirit and young white South Africans swarmed into the traditional church structures. The Holy Spirit's work in the US spread to Europe but worship in Jesus Houses communes didn't seem to have the same lasting affects as it did in the United States.

In 1969, the Shiloh Youth Revival network multiplied the House of Miracles network in southern California up to the Pacific Northwest and began many Jesus Houses also known as house churches. John Higgins a trainee of Lonnie Frisbee started over 175 Jesus houses with 100,000 disciples meeting regularly.<sup>18</sup>

Another network was birthed in the Pacific Northwest when Apostolic catalyst Jim Palosaari began to multiply Jesus Houses after he and his wife came to Christ in a Pentecostal tent revival. They got a little discipleship from Linda Meissner with the Jesus People Army communal network with an estimated 5,000 members. Palosaari multiplied the movement east towards Colorado and Milwaukee and his trainee started a grand daughter network in Chicago, called the Jesus People USA and great grand daughter networks through the Apple Tree Coffee House in Fort Wayne Indiana. Fort Wayne became a regional hub for many JPM branches around the Midwest.<sup>19</sup>

The vision of multiplication of the Jesus People Movement began to influence Jewish followers of Jesus who changed their names from Hebrew Christians with it's formal ties to traditional church and denominations into "Messianic Jewish Believers" who met in Jesus houses in Detroit, Cincinnati and Philadelphia.

Several JPM historians have stated that the JPM was a charismatic/pentecostal move of the Holy Spirit but Kent Philpott insist that charismatic manifestations were introduced much later after the JPM was already catalyzed.

The JPM birthed or accelerated several new networks of traditional churches like Calvary Chapel's spin off the Vineyard Church Movement. Both these denominations have around 2,000 churches in their network and both were networks that repeated the pattern of mother churches, starting daughter churches who multiplied grand daughter and great grand daughter churches.

### **Lessons from the Jesus People Movement**

1. Philpott wrote, "We thought what we were experiencing in the JPM was normal, if we would have understood that our experience and growth was not normal we would have understood how to sustain or extend this work of the Holy Spirit."
2. If the JPM would have been more intentional about self identifying as "church" they may have not been absorbed or highjacked by the mega church model of church that centers on a few ordained clergy who tend to dominate baptisms

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<sup>18</sup> Timothy Miller, The 60s Communes, Hippies and Beyond (pp.95, 96; 1999).

<sup>19</sup> [https://www.xfamily.org/index.php/Jim\\_Palosaari](https://www.xfamily.org/index.php/Jim_Palosaari)



Creation and command to multiply Gen. 1-2



Origin of Sin and Suffering future Messiah prediction Gen. 2-3:16



The Great Flood, Promise and Blessing to spread and multiply. Gen. 6-9:7



Tower of Babel and Creation of 70 Nations. Gen 11



God's Test and Commission of Israel nation with a Mission. Gen. 12:1-3



God delivers Nation with a Mission from Slavery. Ex. 3-19



God gives His Laws for Israel



Young David defeats giant and the world hears. I Sam. 17:45-48



King David's son builds Temple at center of Nations.



The Missionary God sends many Prophets to call Israel and other nations to repent. Prophet Jonah disobeyed and God used a Big Fish.



King Darius decrees that his empire will learn about the God of Israel. Dan. 6:24-28. 600 BC. Buddha may have read this decree.



Christ miraculous Birth Luke 2 with Monks from India Matt 2.



Christ's baptism (ordination) ceremony. Matthew 3



Christ heals the sick



Feeding 5,000 Mat. 14:13-21



Christ walks on water. Matt 14:22-32



Last Supper with disciples Matt. 26



Christ Crucifixion and Resurrection, and Return.



3. The backbone of the JPM vision was “being Spirit led” if it directed to be more intentional about multiplying disciples it would have been more grounded at the beginning and may have been more sustainable.

### **The Missionary God who loves all Nations**

The God of the Bible is a Compassionate Missionary God from Creation to Christ to Acts. God of the Bible is a God of Justice. We can clearly see His justice in the Old Testament and we can clearly see His great compassion in the New Testament.

Genesis 1:28 and Genesis 9:7 the Missionary God commanded both Adam and Noah "Be Fruitful and Multiply and Fill the Entire Earth with His image."after the flood by Tower of Babel Story they said "Let us come together so we will NOT be spread out over the face of the earth". Gen. 11. So God divides the one language people into 70 nations.

These 70 nations are wicked and rebellious so God creates a missionary nation to be a light to the nations. The first man in the new nation of Israel was Abraham. God blessed Abraham so all the nations would be blessed with salvation and learn about God. God tested Abraham's faith by telling him to give his son Isaac as a life offering on Mount Moriah in present day Jerusalem. God then provided a substitute offering and God reconfirmed His promised to bless Abraham so that all nations would hear about God's salvation. Abraham's grandson Jacob's name was changed to Israel. God gave the land of Israel for Abraham's family forever. Israel had twelve sons which became the twelve tribes of Israel and one of these sons was named Judah, where the name "Jew" originates. God then told Abraham that his children would go down into Egypt and be taken as slaves for 400 years but then God would raise up a Deliver who would bring them back to the land of Israel. God told Israel over and over again that He would bless them so that all the nations of the earth would hear about the God of Israel and receive salvation.

400 years later God used Moses to lead Israel out of slavery in Egypt. God used Moses to conquer the gods of Egypt and then back to Israel. They came to the Red Sea when the King of Egypt changed his mind to let the Israel slaves free. God used Moses to use his shepherds rod to split the sea so the people could cross safely over. Israel then was given the ten commandments with a warning to obey. God said, "don't murder, only worship Him and not to worship idols, children honor parents, do not steal, or commit adultery. God told Israel, "if you obey Me then you will be blessed above the other nations but if you disobey Me other nations will take you captive as slaves again as they had been in Egypt.

400 years after Moses about 1000 BC God had brought Israel back into their Promised land but they had not driven out the seven nations that had taken the land that God had promised them. God raised up David to be King of Israel. God used David to get victory over the giant Goliath. God blessed David and nations of the world heard about God through King David and his kingdom of Israel. God also blessed

David's son Solomon to build the Temple where God's Spirit rested. This temple was in the middle of the the nations. Ezekiel 5:5. From Jerusalem God sent out many missionaries to tell the other nations about His compassion. God used a great fish to get Prophet Jonah to tell the other nations about His love.

400 years later around 600 BC God had allowed Israel to be taken captive to the kingdom of Persia. The kingdom of Persian stretched from Africa to India. The prophet Daniel was tricked and thrown into the lions den but was not eaten. When the Persian King Darius saw this miracle he made a decree that all nations in his kingdom must worship the God of Israel. By the time of Daniel all of the laws that God started to be taught across Asia as well as all the prophecies about the Coming Savior. Wisemen from across Asia eagerly expected that a Savior would come to save them from their sins.

400 years later God told a young virgin in Israel that she would have a baby who would be named Jesus, which means "Savior." God told Mary that Jesus would be a sacrifice for the sins of the whole world so they could go to Heaven. He also told her that this boy would be a blessing to all nations and that many in Israel would put their trust in Him. Wisemen from the east, possibly Buddhist scholars from the Buddhist University of Taxila in India, came to worship the Savior. They came by following the sign of a special star.

Jesus became older and at the beginning of His mission work was immersed in the Jordan River in Israel at a ceremony very similar to monks ordination ceremony. Jesus went around Israel healing many who were sick with skin disease. Jesus drove out evil spirits. He made the lame to walk, He made the blind to see. He fed five thousand people with a few pieces of fish and bread. Jesus showed His power to His disciples by walking on the water. At their last supper Jesus told His twelve disciples that He was going to die for the sins of the whole world on a cross and that on the third day He would be raised to life, conquer death and then go to the Golden City of Heaven where His Father was. He told His disciples that one of them would betray Him. He took the cup and blessed it and said, "this bread is my Body and this cup represents my blood." He promised them that they would eat this Lord's Supper with Him in the City of Heaven.

That night his disciple Judas, betrayed Christ and he was arrested by the Romans and beaten and the leaders of Israel held a secret trial for Jesus. The Roman king order that Jesus be crucified the next day and He was nailed like a criminal between two thieves. Jesus said no one takes my life from Me, I lay it down willingly because I came to die and I will rise again on the third day. Jesus died on Friday afternoon and rose again on Sunday. Jesus walked the earth for 40 days, eating and spending time with His disciples. Before He ascended back to the Golden City of Heaven He commanded His disciples to go into all the world and make disciples of all nations immersing them in the name of the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit and teaching them to obey all His commands. He promised them that He would return one day and bring them to Heaven.