

IS MY LIFEGROUP READY TO MULTIPLY?

Leadership:

- Has the present intern led the facilitation regularly?
- Does the entire group view the present intern as a leader?
- Does the present intern lead more often than the initial leader?
- Have you identified future interns?
- Have you discussed future intern roles directly with potential interns?

Critical Mass:

- Does your group have 8 faithful (they almost never miss), contributing (they open their home; they offer comments in discussion; they serve the group) family units that have been involved for at least 3 months?

Vision:

- Have you been discussing the idea of multiplication for months?
- Have you had individual conversations with group members about the rationale behind multiplication?
- Does your group see the need for multiplication?
- Has multiplication been a steady prayer subject in your group?
- Have you discussed a specific multiplication date (at least one month out – preferably 6 weeks)?
- Have you planned a multiplication party?

HOW DO WE MULTIPLY?

1. Start by identifying leaders and future interns. Divide them up according to the healthiest scenario.
2. Identify “broken wings.” No group should be over-burdened with all of the needy people. Try to limit each group to only one broken wing.
3. Identify strong contributors and occasional contributors. No group should get all of the strong contributors. While these individuals don’t have to be divided out evenly, both groups should have at least one strong contributor in addition to the leader (and preferably, in addition to the intern).
4. Consider children. The amount and ages of children should influence how the group is divided.
5. Look at strong relational connections. Where strong relational connections exist, healthy groups are most likely to form. Who spends time together outside of group time? These people are most likely to form the core of a strong group.
6. When possible, shoot for a multi-generational flavor. This concern is secondary to strong relational connections, but it can be an advantage to a group.
7. Consider logistics. One group may desire to change the night of the week on which it meets. This decision may make the choice for some people easy.
8. Pray. Many times God reveals things in prayer that are counter-intuitive. Pray trumps all!



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