

# *Leadership Tips*

## *on Church Multiplication and Planting*

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### **CHURCH MULTIPLICATION/PLANTING QUOTES**

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*"But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to ends of the earth."* Acts 1:8

*"The Spirit of God calls each generation to re-imagine church for its own context and culture. The Holy Spirit invites every generation into the struggle to discover answers and approaches for themselves about church. Answers that bring them into fresh partnership with God and fresh contact with their culture."*  
Larry Kreider and Floyd McCling,  
Pastor, Missionary

*"Those who accepted his message were baptized, and about three thousand were added to their number that day. They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and to the fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer. Everyone was filled with awe, and many wonders and miraculous signs were done by the apostles. All the believers were together and had everything in common."* Acts 2:41-44

*"Without exaggeration we can say that church planting movements are the most effective means in the world today for drawing lost millions into saving, disciple-building relationships with Jesus Christ."*  
David Garrison, Missiologist

*"Every day they continued to meet together in the temple courts. They broke bread in their homes and ate together with glad and sincere hearts, praising God and enjoying the favor of all the people. And the Lord added to their number daily those who were being saved."* Acts 2:46-47

*"Church planting is necessary for the church to stay relevant in the 21<sup>st</sup> century."*  
Joel Comiskey, Missionary

*"The apostles performed many miraculous signs and wonders among the people. And all the believers used to meet together in Solomon's Colonnade. No one else dared join them, even though they were highly regarded by the people. Nevertheless, more and more men and women believed in the Lord and were added to their number."* Acts 5:12-14

*“A global church planting movement is the national response of the emerging global church. Movements are emerging from other nations to reach other nations.”* Bob Roberts, Pastor

*“While they were worshiping the Lord and fasting, the Holy Spirit said, ‘Set apart for me Barnabas and Saul for the work to which I have called them.’ So after they had fasted and prayed, they placed their hands on them and sent them off. The two of them, sent on their way by the Holy Spirit, went down to Seleucia and sailed from there to Cyprus.”* Acts 13:2-4

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## TURBO CONFERENCE NOTES

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# WHAT IF THE CHURCH WAS THE MISSIONARY?

By Bob Roberts

## SESSION 1

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- Discipleship as knowledge vs. discipleship as obedience
- Start churches to see “the Kingdom” expanded
  - Salvation
  - Discipleship
  - Transformation (personally, socially, societal)
- Focus must be on “King” and “Kingdom” vs. relevance
- Ancient template → new era → new rules of engagement
  - Ancient template → “Gospel of the Kingdom” (Acts)

Gospel → repentance → 

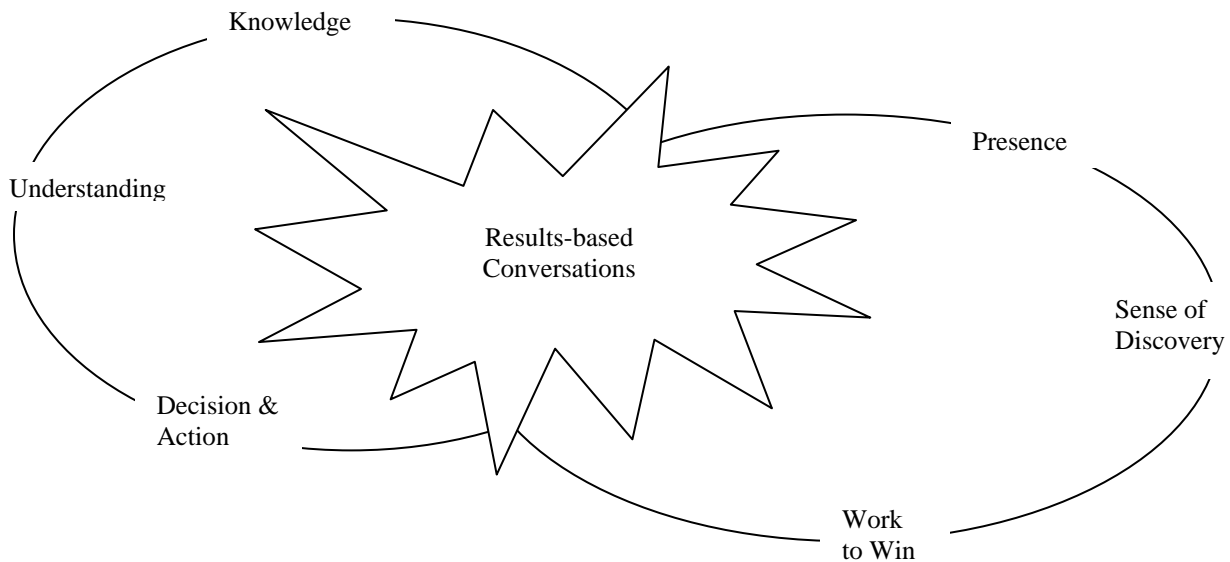
Disciple → Society
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 → church multiplication

✓ Holy Spirit “empowered”

- When will Jesus be enough?
  - When you can stand up and say “imitate me” you are ready to church plant! Galatians 2:2
- What if the church was the missionary?
  - Natural living of the Christian life
- What does the Kingdom look like?
  1. Internal
  2. Transformational
  3. Comprehensive
  4. Seed planting
  5. Colaborative
  6. Glocal
  7. Multiplying
  8. Local church driven
- Northwood church planting network (glocal.net)
  1. Training
  2. Three behaviors
    - Church planting church
    - Pick a hard place to work
    - Working with whole church in local community

3. Four core values
  - Kingdom
  - Discipleship
  - Society
  - Church
4. Relationships
5. Money - \$300.00/mt
- Ground rules of engagement
  1. Stay engaged
  2. Manage your own schedule
  3. Facilitate movement
  4. Participate



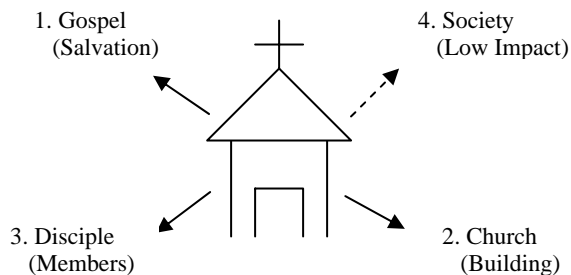
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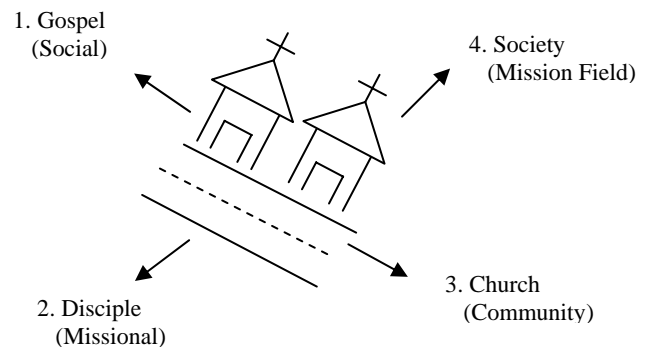
- Models are not perfect but helpful
  1. Hardest model to change is one that has been effective
  2. Institutions change slowly (if at all)
- Change is risky

### 1. CHURCH

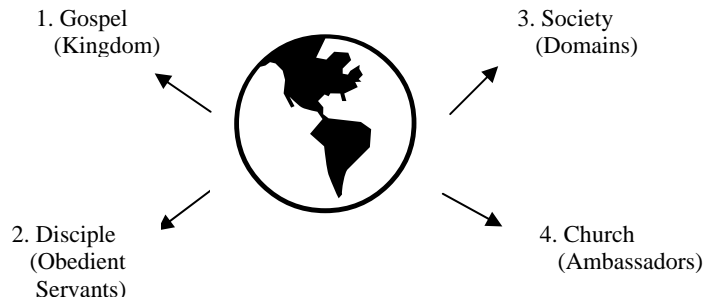
#### CHURCH FRAME



#### MISSIONAL CHURCH FRAME

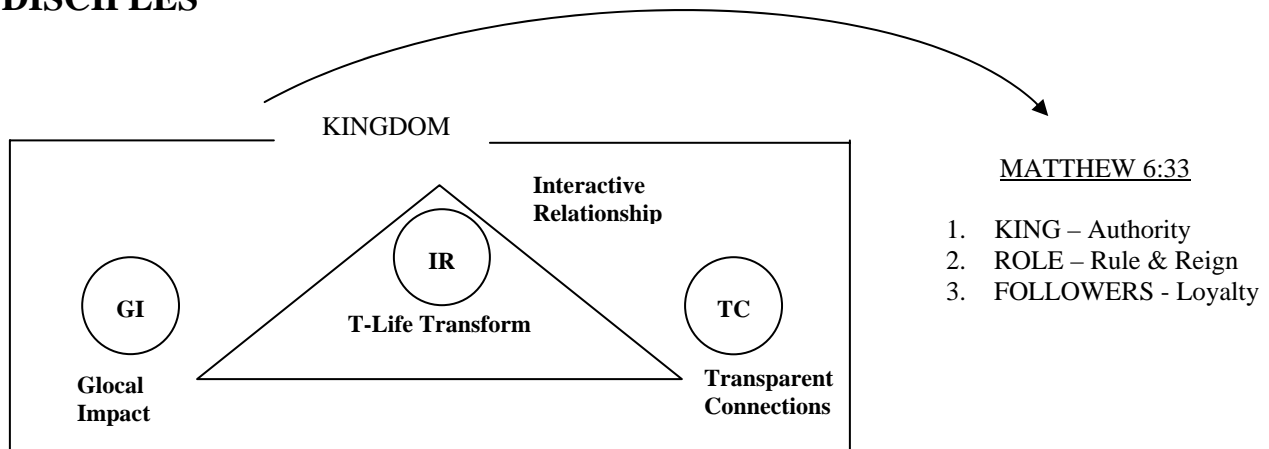


## KINGDOM FRAME



*Process: 1. Disciple → 2. Society → 3. Make Disciples → 4. Church Emerges*

## 2. DISCIPLES



## SESSION 3

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- Kingdom Transformation (Discipleship)
  1. WHO? God and others (IR)
  2. WHAT? Authentic Relationships (TC)
  3. WHY? “All Nations” Impact (GI)
- Characteristics of “Kingdom” Disciple
  1. King-centered life
  2. Humility
  3. Obedience
  4. Productivity and abundance
  5. Committed to community of disciples
  6. Conflict
  7. Kingdom is “already” but not yet

## SOCIETY

- Gospel of Kingdom
  1. Disciple
  2. Society
  3. Disciple making
  4. Church emerges

- Matthew  $\leftrightarrow$  Genesis 12 (Abraham-Example)
  1. Worship
  2. Obey
  3. Blessing
  4. Bless the nations
- Primary ministry is job and community
  1. Live in “naked” public square
  2. Bang on “front” door first (key leaders  $\rightarrow$  masses)
  3. Serve the “cause” not to convert
  4. Be Ghandi’s “best friend”
  5. Send the “whole” church (everybody involved)

## **SESSION 4**

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- Debriefing – 8 break out groups
  1. What did you hear?
  2. What does it mean?

### **PANEL DISCUSSION**

#### **WORKING MODELS** – moderator: Bob Roberts

- Don’t start with pragmatism but with Holy Spirit and obedience (learn as you obey)
- Build platforms for engagement in culture that Christians/non-Christians can participate in

### **Q & A**

- Training – 1. Kingdom, 2. Disciple, 3. Society, 4. Church
- On-going relationships with planters – access to resource staff/goal is “autonomous” churches
- Have to “see it” and “do it” to “get it”
- Post-modernism is western, the rest of the world is pre-modern (if we learn from the rest of the world, we will have greater impact in the west)
- Build core groups by engaging the people in the target culture/community (start with new converts)
- Church planting strategies depend on “type” of church
- Find people who are planting (“doing it”)
- Theology needs to be “contextual” and “dynamic” – need to keep learning
- Dealing with criticism – who do I care “likes” me the most? God or people

## **SESSION 5**

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#### **CHURCH PLANTER WIVES** – by Niki Roberts

- Couples need to be committed to church planting – but roles need to be “worked” out mutually
- Wives need to be included and affirmed
- “No one gets two jobs until everybody has one job”
- Share core experiences (i.e. mission trips)
- Balance between ministry and family
- Need to be sensitive to “security,” “family,” communication needs
- Encourage wives to develop “girl friends” (including friends outside of church)
- Play as a family, model Godly behavior, include kids in engaging culture
- Don’t treat children as they live in “fish” bowl

- Be honest in response to “hard” questions
- Give kids “space” to own faith in their own way/time
- Allow kids to critique parents
- Be consistent and genuine

## **Q & A**

### **Global Church Planting Movements**

- Church planting involves obedience, movements is dependent on Holy Spirit
- Don't think network, denomination → think alliance, collaboration

**DVD** – church multiplication in N. Indian Snake Charmers

Pastor Guru (empart) – goal → 100,000 churches

Interview with Pastor Guru (successful businessman)

1. Love God, 2. Love neighbor, 3. Share gospel
- “Jesus movements are energized by disciples”
    1. Believing → 2. Following → 3. Discipleship
  - Fruitfulness comes from “abiding” in Christ – John 15
  - Disciples embrace the “cross life” – “already dead”

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