

Moving from Church Planting to CPM's... Why?

Matthew 9:35-38, 28:18-20

Intro myself... The last week of March in Melbourne... I was asked this question:

Question: Do you believe God wants many people saved now?

Make a list of all the people you know who are not believers, group them in groups of 5, and prioritize them!

I have often quoted this: *Planting new churches is the most effective evangelistic methodology known under heaven.* C. Peter Wagner

In Matthew 28 Jesus commands his disciples to go, make disciples, baptize and to teach to obey. The command is not to plant churches but to make disciples who are obedient to the commands of Christ. The fruit of this kind of mission activity is church.

Church planting works as a disciple making strategy when the primary focus of the church planting is to make disciples from among lost people.

Today I want to move your thinking **from Church Planting to Church Planting Movements** as a response to the Great Commission. What do I mean by CPM:

- Addition: starting another church
- Reproduction: when a church plants a new church
- Multiplication: when a reproduced church reproduces
- Movement: when church reproduction becomes the norm – where there is rapid and spontaneous expansion of new churches (this only happens when many people are coming to Christ and being discipled as obedient followers of Jesus).

CPM's develop a culture of obedience and not a culture of teaching!!!

John Chen Story (David Garrison – Church Planting Movements):

In 2000 John answered God's call to become a Strategy Coordinator in an urban center in the People's Republic of China... 20 million men, women, and children.

In the summer of 2000, the Chens made their first trip into Nandong. "There were so many people. There is no time to do the work slowly. But we didn't know how to do it differently."

Then, in October 2000 John and his wife Hope entered Strategy Coordinator training and began to learn about how God was at work in Church Planting Movements.

John knew that not everyone was suited to be a church planter, but at the same time he knew that God *could* use anyone. So how do you determine who will and won't be an effective church planter? Rather than try to sort this out in advance, John decided to train *everybody* to be a church planter and a church planter trainer. Those who implemented the training would become his Church Planting Movement co-laborers, those who didn't would simply fall behind.

- After 2 months: 20 small groups started
- After 6 months: 327 house churches with 4,000 baptized
- After one year: 908 house churches with 12,000 baptized.
- The following year: 3,535 new churches with more than 53,430 baptisms.
- First six months of 2002: 9,320 new churches and 104,542 baptisms.
- End of 3rd year: 15,000 new churches with more than 160,000 baptized believers

Church Planting Movement Plan:

Each plan contains:

1. **Reproducing Entry Strategy** (how do you start talking to people about Spiritual matters or take the Gospel into new areas)
2. **Reproducing Gospel Presentation** (how will the Gospel be presented – share Jesus without fear, 2 ways to live, bridge illustration, stories, Roman Road, etc)
3. **Reproducing Discipleship** (two parts)
 - a) Reproducing Beginning/short term Discipleship (6-8 lessons)
 - b) Reproducing long-term Discipleship (may take 1-3 years)
4. **Reproducing Church Formation** (teaching and helping groups become Church)
5. **Reproducing Leadership training track** (may be part of #4 but with added elements that those trained know how the whole system works for equipping others in #1-5)

John Chen developed and used the T4T Process (incorporates all of components above):

- 2 Tim: 2:2 – Multiplying Trainers
- NOT 6 lessons
- Rather there is expectation and accountability that everyone trained will in turn
 - train others who will in turn
 - train others
- Each believer witnesses to five a week and then trains those who believe to repeat the process

So I went off to Airds with the following presuppositions:

1. There is a *kind* of person that God uses:
 - a. *person of prayer*
 - b. *person who hears God's call to witness to Jesus*
 - c. *one who thanks God for all that comes*
 - d. *person who sees only 2 kinds of people:*
 - i. *Those who need evangelizing*
 - ii. *Those who need evangelism training*
2. There are **persons of peace** scattered throughout society.
 - a. *the only way to find them is to evangelize them*
3. Everyone can participate in evangelism & church planting, but not everyone will do it.
 - a. *so, train every Christian, but continue with **do-ers** of the Word, and not hearers only.*
4. The most effective evangelism comes from someone who knows and loves you.
 - a. *it is God's plan for the good news to flow through families*
5. Though everyone can participate in evangelism & church planting, some are uniquely gifted.
 - a. *the concept of the "Super-Spreader"*

Airds Story so far...

There are four questions that prevent Christians from being effective Church Planting Movement practitioners:

#1 What do I say?

Tell your story

#2 Who do I say it to?

It's God's will for you to win your family

Make a list of five

#3 What makes you think I'll do this?

Peer Accountability

#4 What do I do if they say, "Yes to Jesus?"

Six Lessons:

1. Assurance of Salvation
 2. Prayer Life
 3. Daily Quiet Time
 4. Being & Doing Church
 5. Understanding God
 6. Understanding God's Will for You.
 7. 7th lesson: teach inductive Bible Study (SOS)
 - Start in Mark (1 year)
- The content can be altered as long as it is...
 - **Simple** – able to be obeyed and passed on by young believers
 - **Biblical** – especially is what they need for basic discipleship

Four kinds of people:

Green: Some obey everything: witness, start a new group, & train them to do the same (train trainers (about 20%))

Blue: Some witness, start a new group, and become leaders, but never train new believers to be trainers

Yellow: Some are faithful witnesses but never start or lead a group. Their new believers might join other groups.

Red: Some never witness.

How does this happen?

- How do you get past 1st or 2nd generation?
- The process of each week's session

1/3 Pastoral Care, Worship, Accountability (Review & Encouragement), Vision-Casting

1/3 New Lesson (Enough Biblical Content to Obey)

1/3 Practice & Prayer (Confidence to obey & train others and goal-setting with commissioning)

Which parts get you to reproduction?

First Third

- Pastoral Care
- Worship
- **Accountability**
- **Vision-Casting**

Second Third

- New Lesson

Last Third

- **Practice the lesson**
- **Set goals & pray for them**

If we are pressed for time which parts would we normally leave out?

- If we leave out the parts in bold, we are left with a traditional bible study or cell group which rarely gets to reproduction of trainers.

The Process continues for about a year... The T4T process should be an all inclusive process that gets to CPM – evangelism, discipleship, church planting, leadership training, reproduction – it is very simple and basic!

YOUR GOAL AS A SC: Fill up your two week schedule with as many training groups as possible!

Campbelltown Endvision:

- 10% of the population of 150,000 = 15,000
- 400 churches of 35 – 40 people each
- If I start 6 groups in a fortnightly cycle with 6 each, 20% are green people who conduct one group a fortnight and we reproduce to the next generation in 8 weeks = 20 generations in 153 weeks; 6, 282 believers in training and 1,256 trainers. If trainers conduct 2 groups in a fortnight; by the 49th week (7th generation) 11,580 and 2,316 trainers. By the 8th Generation (57th week) 27,828 and 5,566.

Sydney Endvision:

- 10% of population of 5 million = 500,000
- 12,500 churches of 40
- 70,000 Sydney Anglicans. 10% enter training = 7,000; 80% drop out and 20% (the cream) get it and do it = 1,400 are in groups of 6 training (233 groups). By the same calculation as above (20% of the cream are green), groups of 6 that multiply to the next generation in 8 weeks and conduct 2 of these groups on a fortnightly basis... by generation 7 (49 weeks) = 457,662 new believers in training and 91,532. Between generation 9 and 10 (65 – 73 weeks) the whole population of Sydney would be reached.
- On the Church Army website you will find an interview I did with Steve Addison describing the T4T process www.churcharmy.com.au/resources/resources.html