



UNLIMITED GROWTH

A NEW TESTAMENT PATTERN FOR
CHURCH ORGANIZATION AND GROWTH

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STUDENT WORKBOOK

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All churches want growth but never know how to produce it. The Unlimited Growth series sets forth a step-by-step approach to generating church growth which is biblically-based and easily implemented in any congregation regardless of size, age or location.



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1. Church Growth Questionnaire / Discussion Groups

A kick-off discussion session where participants share their thoughts on what is necessary to promote church growth.

1. In your opinion what are the 2 major reasons why the church (or your church) is not growing?

2. Who do you think is most responsible for church growth and why?

3. If you had the authority and resources to change or help the church to grow, what 3 things would you do?

4. What is considered a good percentage for growth each year?

10%

25%

70%

90%

2. Remembering Who We Are: A Faithful New Testament Church

The basis for growth is faithfulness. This lesson reviews the Restoration principles that first led to the church's tremendous growth in the past. (Ephesians 4:1-24)

What it Takes to be a Faithful New Testament Church

Casting a vision is the first step _____

1. You must know _____

A. Historically _____

Restoration Movement _____

B. Theologically _____

Simple truth of the Bible produces our uncomplicated form of
New Testament Christianity.

C. Character _____

Mission Church

Urban Team

Covenant

Growing

Dying

Extreme

Leadership

2. You must know _____

Ephesians 4

Vs. 1-6 _____

Vs. 7-10 _____

Vs. 11-12 _____

Evangelists _____

Elders _____

Teachers _____

Deacons _____

Vs. 13-15 _____

3. You must each _____

Vs. 17-24 _____

Paul describes the real changes needed:

Worldly to _____

Unholy to _____

Hatred to _____

Families to _____

Churches to _____

Individuals to _____

The reason for these leaders' ministry is to affect _____ in you!

Summary

Being a faithful New Testament Church requires:

1. Knowledge of _____

2. How to be _____

3. A need for personal _____

What _____ will you have to make today?

3. A Biblical Plan for Growth

This lesson argues for the idea that the New Testament has a specific plan for organizing and growing a local congregation.

Intro: I am an expert on failure. The title took 10 years to develop.

1. Unlimited Growth _____

2. The New Testament Pattern (Hermeneutics in the Churches of Christ – Thomas Olbricht)

3. Church Organization and Growth _____

Two ideas about this concept:

A. Many Strategies, one Pattern _____

B. New Testament Organization before New Testament Growth _____

Without New Testament organization

Unlimited Growth → _____

New Testament Pattern → _____

I. Summary of New Testament Pattern for Unlimited Growth

A. Organize and train the church in the 5 areas of Biblical ministry. _____

B. Growth is proportional to organization and effective ministry. _____

II. Summary of Pattern in Acts 2

1. Evangelism - Acts 2:14-41 _____

2. Education - Acts 2:42a _____

3. Fellowship - Acts 2:42b; 43-44; 46 _____

4. Worship - Acts 2:42c _____

5. Service - Acts 2:45 _____

The relationship between these 5 areas of ministry is explained in Acts 2:47b.

MINISTRY = _____

III. Experience

4. The 5 Biblical Ministries

An in-depth study of Acts chapter 2 where Luke clearly explains the Biblical ministry system and how ministry and growth are interrelated.

Intro - Review

1. The potential for church growth is _____.
 2. The Bible provides an organizational _____.
 3. Our task is to _____ the church in the 5 areas of ministry.
 4. The church grows in proportion to its _____ in ministry.
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I. The 5 Areas of Biblical Ministry - Acts 2

1. Evangelism - 3 elements - Acts 2:1-41

- A. Preach _____
 - B. Urge _____
 - C. Baptize _____
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There are various evangelism methods:

1. Confrontational - Peter - Acts 2 _____

2. Intellectual - Paul - Acts 17 _____

3. Testimonial – Demonic – Luke 8:39 _____

4. Interpersonal – Matthew – Luke 5 _____

5. Invitational – Samaritan woman – John 4 _____

6. Service – Dorcas – Acts 9 _____

2. Education – Acts 2:42a

3. Fellowship – Acts 2:42b

Fellowship or “Communion” _____

Fellowship describes what Christians share when they share Christ. _____

I can't have "fellowship" with someone who is not a Christian. _____

The ministry of fellowship is the effort to facilitate and enable Christians to participate in and enjoy each other's lives and faith in Christ.

4. Worship - Acts 2:42c

In the New Testament we see Christians participating and practicing only five different elements in their worship to God in Christ.

- A. _____ Acts 2:42c, I Corinthians 11:23-26
- B. _____ Acts 2:42c
- C. _____ Ephesians 5:19
- D. _____ Acts 2:42, Acts 20:7

For worship to be meaningful (which means it honors God and blesses the worshipper) many details have to be taken care of.

5. Service - Acts 2:45

Service is the natural outcome of the preceding ministries. _____

The service ministry can be subdivided into three areas:

Administrative _____

Benevolence _____

Maintenance _____

II Ministry = Growth

If the church is active in ministry, the Lord will _____ Acts 2:47

_____ Ministry = _____ growth.

Will this be the beginning of a new era of growth for you?

5. Implementing the New Testament Plan for Growth

The "nuts and bolts" of how to implement the Biblical plan for church organization and growth.

Summary

The Ministry System we will be using is: _____

25 words or less

Key Ideas

1. Unlimited Growth

Prepared to grow without limits _____

2. Church Organization and Growth

A New Testament pattern will permit, not necessarily produce, unlimited growth

3. New Testament Pattern for Church Organization

A. IDENTIFICATION

Acts 2:1-47 outlines Biblical ministry

B. IMPLEMENTATION

Train the church to understand the nature, function and goal of each ministry area.

C. INTEGRATION

Ministry Management System where all five ministries are interconnected and function cohesively.

How do we Begin Here?

A. Identify the ministries and train leadership.

B. Create a flow-chart detailing how this congregation functions using this system.

(see attachments)

C. Synergy and Critical Mass

1. Team Meetings _____

2. Ministry Meetings _____

3. Elders' Meetings _____

Ministry Agenda _____

Shepherding Agenda _____

What Will it Take?

1. Commitment

2. Continuity

3. Christ

Quick List of Ministry Structure

Evangeliism

Steve Harrison/Harold Weaver
(Local/Dom.)

Dayton Keese
International

- **Local Outreach: Steve Harrison/Harold Weaver**
- Visitor Follow Up-Elders/Mike Coghill
- Pers: Bible Studies-Marty Kessler/ Mike Coghill
- New Converts-Marty Kessler/Mike Coghill

• **Domestic Outreach:**

- Bibletalk-iv-Mike Mazzalongo -Hal Gatewood
- TV Studio-Mike Mazzalongo -Hal Gatewood

• **International Outreach:**

- Haiti- Mike Mazzalongo
- Kenya- Mike Mazzalongo
- Missionary Requests
- Mission Trips
- Special Collections
- WBS—Steve Harrison

Education

Bob Chilton

• **Bible School Classes:**

- **Adult-** Mike Mazzalongo
- **Teen-** Mike Coghill
- **EPIC/LTC-** Mike Coghill
- **Junior-** Don Furchie
- **Pre-School-** Niccie Henderson Jenny Anthony
- **Time Travelers-** Jane Weaver
- **Teacher's Workroom-** Kerri Perkins Juice Shirts
- **Youth Ministry:**
- **Teens** (6th-12th) - Mike Coghill
- **KFC** (3rd-5th) Jill Rodriguez/Keri Perkins
- **Children's Bible Time-** Allen & Pati Maxwell, Gary & Juice Shirts
- **Camp-** Mike Coghill
- **VBS-** Mike Coghill

Fellowship

Mike Coghill

- **Ministry Flow Chart/Involvement-** Mike Coghill
- **Event Calendar-** Celestia Bennett/Mike Coghill
- **Special Events-** Mike Coghill
- **Women's Ministry Coordinators-** Laura Eckert & Judy VanCuren
- **Golden Travelers-** Ron Rowland
- **Crochet Class-** Wilma Walters
- **Mommy & Me-** Carolyn Christensen
- **Showers-** Jeannie Aldridge
- **Weddings-** Lorrie Carpenter

Service

Bob Aldridge

Marty Kessler

• **Administration: Marty Kessler**

- **Office/Staff**
- Office Manager—Marty Kessler
- Secretary/Bulletin—Celestia Bennett
- Bookkeeper—Sarah Krivanek
- Custodian—Gail Morgan
- Church Directory—Celestia Bennett/ Mike Coghill/Hal Gatewood
- Website—Celestia Bennett

• **Finance**

- **Contact—Harold Weaver/Bob Chilton**
- Finance Committee—Marty Kessler -Sarah Krivanek

• **Computer Maintenance—**Kim Wall

• **Benevolence: Marty Kessler**

- **Contact Deacon—Lloyd Smith**
- Emergency Response—Office
- Food Pantry—Brian & Linda Capps
- Food Distribution—Brian & Linda Capps
- Benevolence Requests—Marty Kessler
- Funeral Food—Peggy Davis
- Benevolence Sewing—Judy Smith
- Card Ministry—Maybell Bailey
- Komsomolsk Orphan Home—TBA
- Prepared With Love—Office
- Shut-Ins—Wilma Walters
- Singles/Widows Support—Phyllis Wood/Carlene Copeland
- With Love From Choctaw—Niccie Henderson/Jeanie Aldridge/Lise Mazzalongo

Worship

Johnny Henderson

• **Preaching:**

- Pulpit—Marty Kessler -Mike Mazzalongo
- -Mike Coghill

• **Worship Service:**

- **Contact Deacons—Don Aisup & Roy Beatty**
- Preschool Time—Deacon Alan Cook
- Coordinating Men to Serve—Don Aisup, Roy Beatty, Chuck Eckert
- Count Offering—TBA
- Parking—Volunteer
- Nursery—Bobbie Poindexter
- Communion for sick & shut-ins—Jason Smith
- Media Coordinator—Hal Gatewood
- Sound Booth—Will Mazzalongo
- Rusty Beatty—Tech
- Joe Weaver—Tech

• **Maintenance—Exterior: Steve Harrison**

- Grounds keeping/Mowing -Joe Weaver
- Volunteers
- General Repairs- Deacon Alan Cook
- Van Maintenance—Jim Poindexter
- Sign—Larry Tabor

• **Visitor Services:**

- **Mike Coghill**
- **Contact Deacon—Ron Eager**
- Announcements-Mike Coghill or Mike Mazzalongo
- Information Desk—Deacon Ron Eager
- Greeters—Deacon Ron Eager
- Ushers—Deacon Ron Eager

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Flow Chart
Unit #5

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EVANGELISM	EDUCATION	FELLOWSHIP	WORSHIP	SERVICE

6. 8 Universal Principles for Natural Church Growth

A review of C.A. Schwartz's book "Natural Church Development" and its application to the New Testament ministry system being studied from Acts chapter 2 in this seminar.

I. MODELS vs. PRINCIPLES.

- 1. Model _____
 - 2. Principle _____
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II. QUALITY CHARACTERISTICS

Researchers found that growing churches had certain characteristics in common and these were qualified in a certain way and held at a high level.

CHARACTERISTIC #1 - _____

Not just leadership, _____ leadership.

Empowering leaders spend most of their time _____

Interesting research findings:

A. Formal theological training _____

B. Positive relationship between _____

CHARACTERISTIC #2 - _____

Not just serving, but serving _____.

CHARACTERISTIC #3 - _____

Growing churches had members who “cared” about _____

CHARACTERISTIC #4 - _____

Every church has some kind of organization. _____

CHARACTERISTIC #5 - _____

There is a difference between “style” and “inspiring” _____

The only factor that “style” in worship plays is if the worshippers are offering their worship in an acceptable manner.

CHARACTERISTIC #6 - _____

Not just a small group “program”, but “HOLISTIC” small groups.

CHARACTERISTIC #7 - _____

Research into evangelism ministry.

A. Not everyone _____

B. Each member has _____

C. Leaders knew who _____

D. The focus for evangelism was _____

CHARACTERISTIC #8 _____

Growing churches have a high love quotient. Declining churches have a low one.

I Timothy 1:5 _____

People come into the church because of the Gospel, they stay _____

Summary

8 Biblically based, statistically proven church growth principles.

- _____ Leadership
- _____ Ministry
- _____ Spirituality
- _____ Worship
- _____ Small Groups
- _____ Evangelism
- _____ Relationships

The danger is thinking that reversing a declining church requires a new _____

* Consider the admonition.

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