

The Life Challenge

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Series: Shift

Title: Addition to Multiplication

Speaker: Matt Ewert

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WARM-UP

As history has moved forward, in the west in particular, ministry has become more professionalized to the point that virtually all our churches have vocational staff leading them and many send out professional, career missionaries.

- How has this shift benefitted the spread of the gospel?
- In what ways might this shift actually contain, or limit, the spread of the gospel?

DISCUSSION

In his teaching about the shift from "Addition to Multiplication," Pastor Matt used the spread of COVID as an example of the way a multiplication movement happens.

- What other examples can you think of where growth happens by multiplication?

Read Matthew 28:16-20, Mark 3:13-15, Luke 9:23-24, Acts 1:8 and Colossians 1:28-29.

- What do we learn about being a follower of Jesus, a disciple, from these passages?
- What is a disciple like?
- What does a disciple do?
- Share any other biblical truth that comes to mind that helps us understand what a disciple of Jesus is.

Pastor Matt defined a disciple, in part, as someone who is able to make other disciples who can then make other disciples.

- What is the difference between making converts and making disciples?
- When you think about YOU being called to make other disciples, how does that feel? Exciting? Overwhelming? Beyond your ability? (Feel free to add your own answer) Why?

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Consider that in many other parts of the world, such as Africa and Asia, multiplying movements of Christianity seem far more prevalent than in our own context.

- Why do you think that is?
- What keeps us in North America, or even just in Abbotsford for that matter, from experiencing a more rapid growth of Christianity than we're seeing right now?
- What needs to change so that Christianity would become a movement of multiplication in our own context?

PRAYER

Invite God to make you, and those in your groups, disciples who make disciples, who make disciples.

- Whatever fears or concerns or doubts you have about your ability to do that, offer those to God.
- Invite God to remind you that it's not about you, but about God working through you, that allows you to be a disciple maker.

As we wrap up this series, once more take time again to engage in the 3 for 3 prayer challenge. Let's be faithful in bringing before God the three people who don't yet know Jesus that He has put on our hearts.

- Pray that _____ would have repeated opportunities to see, hear and respond to the good news of Jesus.
- Pray that God would let you be one of those opportunities.
- Pray that _____ would respond to the good news of Jesus by following him as Lord.