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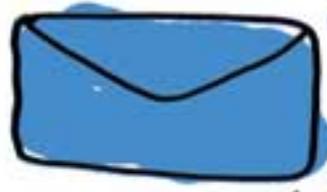
Voices of the Missional Movement  
Monday, September 8, 2008

*notes for participants*

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# EARL CREPS

\* THE GLAMOR  
\* OF BEING  
\* AN AUTHOR



email:  
Thank you  
for messing  
me up.

MY TEST:

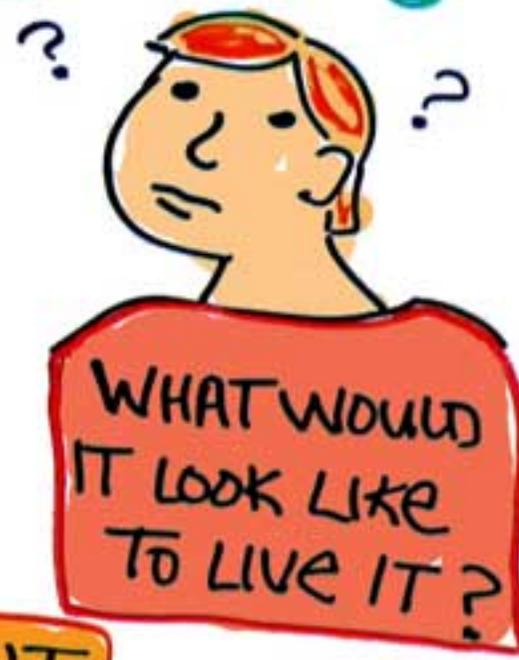
DOING RIGHT DIFFERENTLY **V.S.** DOING DIFFERENT RIGHT



MISSIONAL =  
EVANGELISM ?



OR HOUSE  
CHURCH ?



CHURCH PLANTING  
IN BERKLEY



DARKNESS  
IS TOO  
STRONG



DESIRE FOR  
A UTOPIAN  
COMMUNITY



# THE VOCABULARY OF A MISSIONAL PERSON

TOO MANY SINNERS... NOT ENOUGH SAINTS.

PRESENT THE WHOLE STORY

① "I GET IT."



WE BETTER GET IT!

WE NEED TO LIVE OUT THE STORY OF ANOTHER AUTHOR

A GLIMPSE INTO HEAVEN

IT'S WOVEN IN THEM (IT'S NOT MAGIC)

WE TRY TO GET PEOPLE SOMEWHERE

TO THE FRONT IN THE BUILDING FOLLOWING JESUS

WHAT IF WE PLACE OUR STORY IN GOD'S BOOK?



THE LAST CHAPTER IS IN HIS HANDS

WE INVITE PEOPLE OUT OF DARKNESS INTO LIGHT

② "I LIVE IT."

YOU CAN'T DRAG PEOPLE KICKING AND SCREAMING!

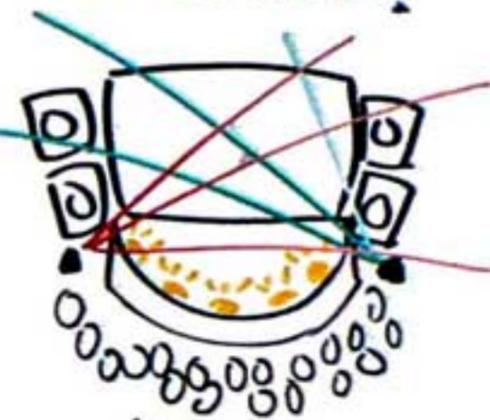


THE WRAPPER THE MESSAG COMES IN COUNTS

HOW DO WE LIVE IN FRONT OF OTHERS?

③ "I AM EXPENDABLE."

IT'S THE LIFE YOU NEVER WANTED.



YOU DON'T NEED A LASER SHOW

NO NAILS JESUS TO THE CROSS



GO FOR BROKE ATTITUDE

OFFICES ARE FROM THE DEVIL

IF YOU SHOW BLOOD, I'LL TAKE YOUR ADVICE

DON'T PUT IT OFF!



SPEND AND BE SPENT

DO YOU COUNT YOURSELF AS A LOSS?

WORTHY TO SUFFER



*Notes from Neil Cole's presentation  
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## A church multiplication movement

What Church Multiplication is *NOT*...

- Church planting without multigenerational reproduction.
- Gathering and assimilating Christians from other churches to form new ones.
- Big revival meetings and evangelistic crusades...because everything reproduces after its own kind.
- A centralized leadership development institution that sends out many church planters.

## In a church multiplication movement...

The Church must be...

- Self-perpetuating: she is healthy, enduring and will continue to live without needing any outside props or infusion of resources.
- Self-propagating: she reproduces and will naturally start self-perpetuating groups that will in turn do the same.

## The DNA of the church

- Divine Truth
- Nurturing Relationships
- Apostolic Mission

## The DNA of the church

- Do not supplement the DNA
- Do not subtract from the DNA
- Do not separate the DNA

## Can we have order in the midst of chaos?

- Order is not the same as control
- Is structure a bad word in organic church movements?
- If the DNA remains constant in every part, the whole will remain constant and reflect the DNA globally.
- Exoskeletal vs. Endoskeletal Structures.
- Can we have an unlimited capacity for expansion?
- We strive to keep our groups together with means other than DNA, when in fact, DNA is the strongest glue to hold any movement together.

## All Reproduction Occurs on a Cellular Level

- We all began as a Zygote!
- The kingdom starts with transformed disciples that become leaders who start churches and begin a movement.
- Multiply the simple enough times and it becomes complex. Developing from micro to macro.
- For health and reproduction we must infuse the smallest unit of the life of the church with the DNA and reproduction.

## All Reproduction Occurs on a Cellular Level

- If you can't reproduce disciples, you'll never reproduce leaders.
- If you can't reproduce leaders, you'll never reproduce churches.
- If you can't reproduce churches, you'll never see a movement.

## Decentralization/A Church Multiplication Movement

- Decentralized
  - Rapid reproduction
  - Global impact much faster
  - Less cost of maintenance
  - God gets more glory
  - Resistant to persecution
  - Resistant to heresy
- Centralized
  - Slower reproduction
  - Regional restriction
  - Higher cost to maintain
  - Obvious Human ingenuity
  - More vulnerable to persecution
  - More vulnerable to heresy

## Decentralization/A Church Multiplication Movement

- Decentralized
  - Weak communication
  - Slower impact on a region
  - Dispersed resources
  - Less visible in community
  - Weakened longevity
- Centralized
  - Better communication
  - Faster regional impact
  - Pooled resources
  - More visible in community

- Greater longevity for churches

## Decentralization/A Church Multiplication Movement

- What do you want to pass on?
- How far do you want to spread?
- How fast do you want to spread?
- What is important to remain?
- How famous do you want to be?

The shortcomings of multigenerational disciple-making

The secret to multigenerational disciple-making

***“A disciple is not above his teacher...  
it is enough for the disciple that he become  
like his teacher.” (Matt 10:24-25)***

## Tapping Into The Unlimited Source of Leadership

- Leadership recruitment is the wrong place to start.
- Recruitment can never produce multiplication results. It doesn't even bring addition growth...it is subtraction. It only takes from the kingdom and adds nothing.
- Any discussion of leadership development that does not begin with the transformation of lost souls into kingdom agents is shortsighted and will not last. We must stop consuming and start farming our leaders.
- All the resources needed for a harvest is found in the harvest.
- The day of the ordained is over, welcome the day of the ordinary. Christ recycles for His disciples.

Every tool/strategy must meet the following criteria:

*Can it be...*

1. Received personally: it has a profound effect on your own life.
2. Repeated easily: you can pass it on to others after just a brief encounter.
3. Reproduced strategically: it transfers to other cultures and languages.

## The Gravity of Social Groupings

*Maintain the DNA at every phase of development*

*Growth beyond each limitation if through reproduction of the previous groupings, not the graduation from it.*

Where do you start to make disciples?

"...to seek and save those who are *lost!*"

- People in desperate need of Christ
- People faithful in the process

*"The things you have heard from me in the presence of many witnesses, entrust to faithful men who will be able to teach others also."* — 2 Tim. 2:2

*"It is not those who are well who need a physician, but those who are sick. I have not come to call the righteous but sinners to repentance."* — Luke 5:31-32

Every hero needs a sidekick. Every sidekick is a hero.

The strength of two or three...

- Community (Ecclesiastes 4:9-12)
- Accountability (1 Timothy 5:19)
- Confidentiality (Matthew 18:15-17)
- Communication (1 Corinthians 14:26-29)
- Flexibility (Matthew 18:20)
- Reproducibility (2 Timothy 2:2)

The Focus of Expanding Influence

*"The best leaders are not those who win the most followers. Such leaders are often dangerous. They can become mob leaders, demagogues and dictators. The greatest leadership is that which creates other leaders. Christianity depends for its preservation upon the capacity to pass on the torch of leadership from one generation to another."*

—Lindley Baldwin

from his biography of Samuel Morris

The Focus of Expanding Influence

*Your aim is only as good as your target!*

Leadership in God's Kingdom

Jesus Contrasts the world's way and the kingdom's

"the ten began to feel indignant with James and John. Calling them to Himself, Jesus said to them, 'You know that those who are recognized as rulers of the Gentiles lord it over them; and their great men exercise authority over them.

"... 'But it is not this way among you, but whoever wishes to be great among you shall be your servant; and whoever wishes to be first among you shall be slave of all. For even the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give His life a ransom for many.'"

—Mark 10:41-45

- The Kingdom is costly, but worth it.
- Christ in you is the hope of glory (Col. 1:27), and nothing else.
- When will Christ be enough?

*"If any one wishes to come after me, he must deny himself, and take up his cross daily and follow me. For whoever wishes to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for My sake, he is the one who will save it."*

—Luke 9:23-24

Embracing a theology of death...as leaders and organizations

Without a theology of death there is...

- ...no Gospel,
- ...no resurrection,
- ...no power,
- ...no life.

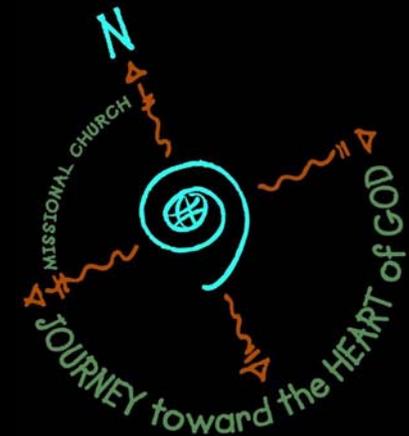
The fear of death is not to be a threat to us anymore.

# Shaped by God's Heart

*Exploring the Missional Church*

*Milfred Minatrea*

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A missional church is...

*a reproducing community of  
authentic disciples*

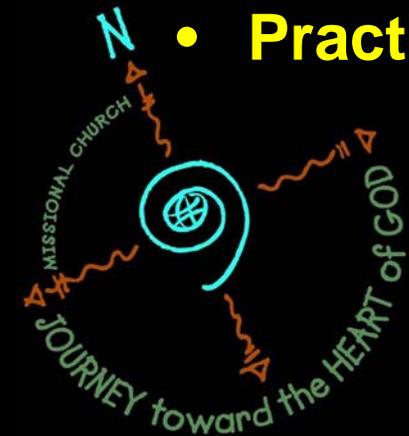
*being equipped as missionaries  
sent by God*

*to live and proclaim His Kingdom  
in their world*



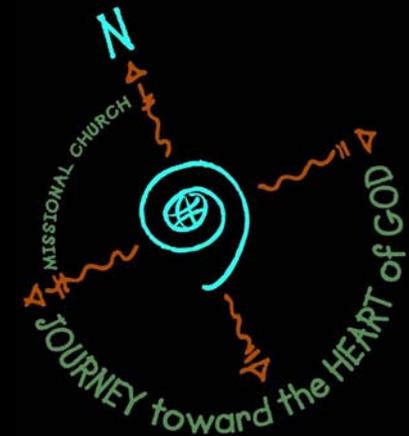
# Nine Distinct Practices

- **Practice #1** - Have high threshold for membership
- **Practice #2** - Want to be real, but not real religious
- **Practice #3** - Teach to obey rather than to know
- **Practice #4** - Rewrite worship every week
- **Practice #5** - Live apostolically
- **Practice #6** - Expect to change the world
- **Practice #7** - Order actions according to purpose
- **Practice #8** - Measure growth by capacity to release, not retain
- **Practice #9** - Place Kingdom concerns first

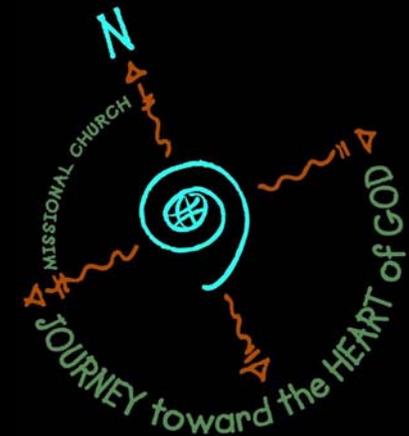


# Integrated components of a missional posture

- Content of the Gospel
- Context of the mission field
- Capacity of God's people

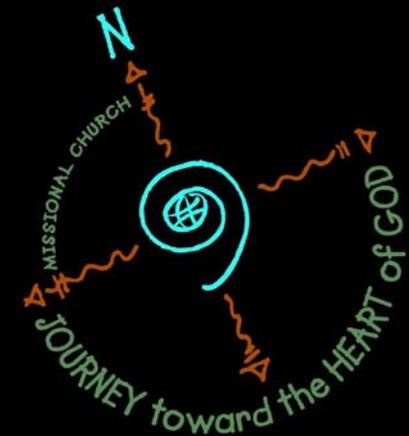


# Missional *Trend or Movement?*



# Crossing Over

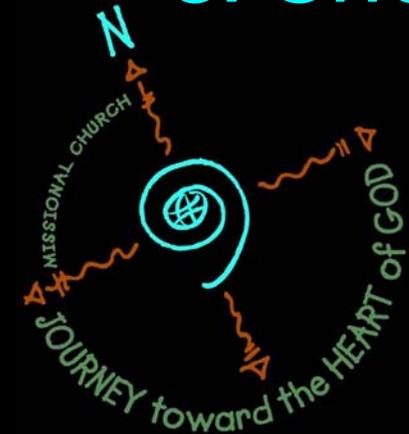
*Preparing for New Paradigms*



## *Toward a Missional Church*

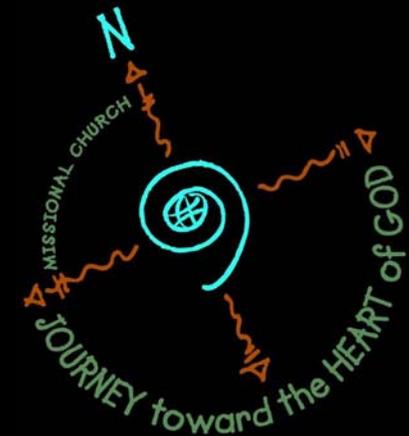
# Three choices every church has concerning its future

- 1. Continue doing the same things*
- 2. Seek to do the same things better*
- 3. Choose to begin doing new things*

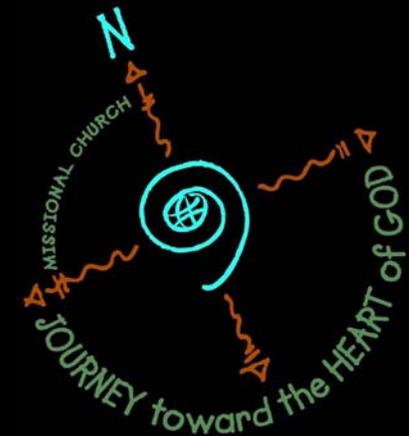


***The quality of a culture may  
be changed when two  
percent of its people have a  
new vision.***

Robert Bellah, Department of Sociology at the  
University of California-Berkley quoted in *Involvement:  
Being a Responsible Christian in a Non-Christian  
Society*. John R.W. Stott. Fleming H. Revell  
Company, 1984.

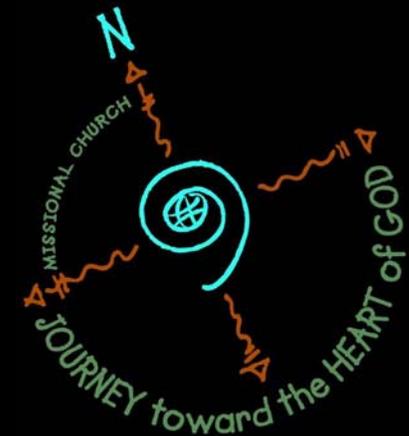


*We will never become missional churches until our people are empowered to become missional Christians.*



# “barriers” and “patterns”

- What barriers prevent followers of Christ in our churches from living the missional purposes of God in their daily experience?
- What patterns need to be colored in?



# Event Assessment

FOCUS

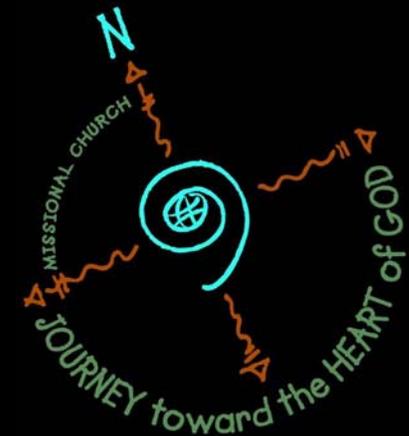
External

Internal


Entertain/Enrich

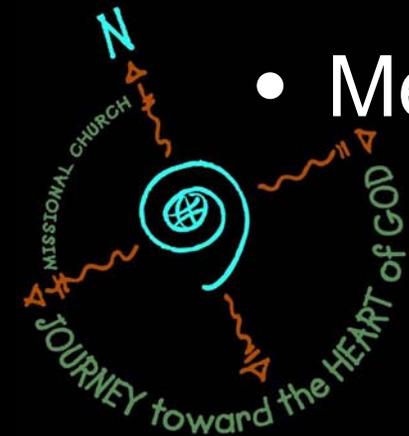
Equip/Empower

PURPOSE



# What 'patterns' need to be colored in?

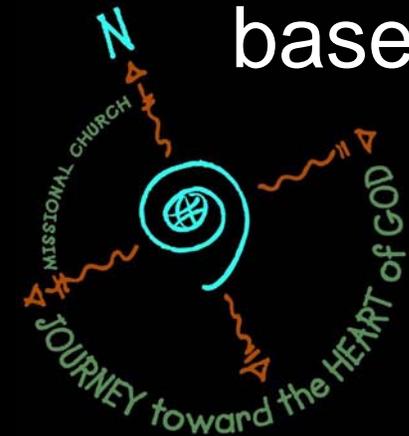
- Focus
- Formation
- Instruction
- Intercession
- Relationships
- Metrics



# First and Second Order Mission

## *Primary Mission Fields (PMF)*

- Individual - that arena in which I possess the greatest number of ongoing relationships with persons whom I assume to be without faith in Christ.
- Corporate – geographical or affinity based



Reggie McNeal

I WOULD WRITE

AND I WOULD CRY

WE CAN FINALLY START TO SAY WHO WE ARE



WE HAVE COMPLICATED

**Simplicity**

THE KINGDOM IS THE CENTER

THE  OF GOD

MOVE FROM **WHAT**

to

**WHO**

AND **THE** CHURCH

GOD HAS PUT THIS IN MOTION



THE PEOPLE ARE THE CHURCH

RISE OF THE ALTRUISM ECONOMY

UNLEASHING RESOURCES



INVITES CHURCHES TO MOVE FROM INTERNAL → EXTERNAL

WE NEED TO HELP PEOPLE ACT LIKE PEOPLE OF GOD

BLESS:  
1 Joe  
2 Mary  
3 Bob  
(undeserving)

HOW CAN I BLESS YOU?



WE ARE "THE BLESSING PEOPLE"

NOT AFFILIATED ↑

CHURCHES NEED TO BE THERE

WHERE I AM, THE CHURCH IS!

RELAX, GOD'S WAY AHEAD OF US

ATTRACTIONAL ASKED "HOW DID CHURCH GO?"

PEOPLE WANT TO GROW



events  
- CURRICULUM  
- SINGLES  
- PARENTS  
SUNDAY SCHOOL

MOVE FROM PROGRAM DRIVEN



TO PEOPLE DEVELOPMENT

BUILD A CULTURE OF CONVERSATION

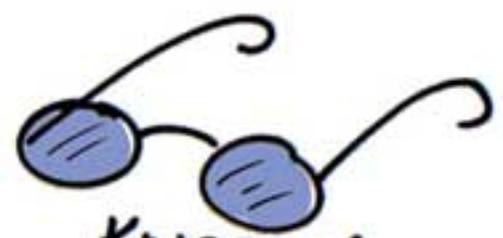


NOT QUANTITY

FIND AN ABUNDANT LIVE-ER



WHO REFLECTS JESUS



KINGDOM LENSES