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# We Need To Begin By Asking Hard Questions

- Why can we not define what a movement is?
- Do we have movements anywhere?
- Why are some campus teams never able to progress from a collection of individual personal ministries to a growing movement of spiritual multipliers?
- Why are our some of our traditional descriptors of movement stages (preparation, penetration, saturation, etc) unhelpful for our field staff?

#### What's the Difference?





How Do We Move From Ministry To Movement?

#### The Church in Antioch

- "...men from Cyprus and Cyrene, went to Antioch and began to speak to Greeks also, telling them the good news about the Lord Jesus. The Lord's hand was with them, and a great number of people believed and turned to the Lord...."
- Acts 11:19-30; Acts 13:1-5; Acts 15:30-41
- What happened at Antioch?
- What principles can we take away?
- Acts 11:22 The news about them reached the ears of the church at Jerusalem, and they sent Barnabas off to Antioch. 23 Then when he arrived and witnessed the grace of God, he rejoiced and *began* to encourage them all with resolute heart to remain *true* to the Lord; 24 for he was a good man, and full of the Holy Spirit and of faith. And considerable numbers were brought to the Lord.
- 25 And he left for Tarsus to look for <u>Saul</u>; 26 and when he had found him, he brought him to Antioch. <u>And for</u> an entire year they met with the church and taught considerable numbers; and the disciples were first called <u>Christians in Antioch</u>.

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### What Happened at Antioch

■ Acts 11:27 Now at this time some prophets came down from Jerusalem to Antioch. 28 One of them named Agabus stood up and *began* to indicate by the Spirit that there would certainly be a great famine all over the world. And this took place in the *reign* of Claudius. 29 And in the proportion that any of the disciples had means, each of them determined to send *a contribution* for the relief of the brethren living in Judea. 30 And this they did, sending it in charge of Barnabas and Saul to the elders.

It is possible to have a very healthy and fruitful ministry of evangelism and discipleship without ever becoming a movement.

Do you agree or disagree? Why?

## Mark #1: Connecting lost people to Jesus.

- "Enemies designed to scatter and lose them, Christ designed to scatter and use them."
- Message was simple and clear: the Lord Jesus
- Multiple cultures reached out to multiple cultures.
- The hand of the Lord was with them.
- Great numbers believed & turned to the Lord (2x).

## Mark #2: Life-changing discipleship

- News about this reached the ears of the Jerusalem church (300 miles away)
- Barnabas came, witnessed God's grace, rejoiced, and encouraged them to remain true to Jesus amid explosive ministry
- Emphasis on Barnabas' character (morally good, full of Holy Spirit and faith, encourager)...
- ...is linked to more fruit: "considerable numbers"
- <u>Life-change earned disciples a new name:</u> Christians

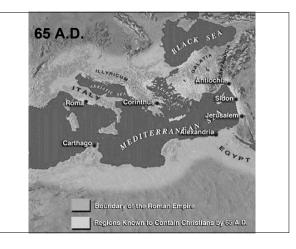
## Mark #3: Multiplying Leaders

- Team leadership from the outset (men from Cyprus and Cyrene, Barnabas immediately went for Saul, prophets from Jerusalem, gift sent to elders, teachers listed in 13:1, Judas and Silas in 15:32)
- <u>Leaders ministered together</u>, prayed together, fasted together, and traveled together.
- Leaders obeyed the Spirit and sent (released) people as God led.
- Strong, opinionated <u>leaders remained focused on</u> <u>the mission</u> even in disagreement over details.

## Mark #4: Generous Giving of Resources

- Disciples (not just church leaders) were informed of real needs outside their own church and city.
- Each disciple determined to send a gift based on their own means.
- The disciples were quick to send both people and finances as the Spirit led.
- They sent their BEST, not their leftovers.
- Financial integrity was practiced.





#### The Result?

■Movements Everywhere.
Within 20 years Antioch
became the premier
world-changing missions
sending base.

## 3 Keys for a National Campus Leadership Team

Key #1: Be Clear. Make sure every field leader understands the differences between ministry and movement.

#### What Is A Movement?

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Key #2: Be Curious.
Regularly measure
ministries and
movements with field
leaders.

**Key Management Principle** 

What Gets Measured Gets Managed.

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Key #3: Help field leaders know HOW to shift from ministry to movement.

■ To rapidly grow leaders:
Ask people to solve real problems, & give decision-making power to the grassroots level (local staff & students).

#### Who's A Leader?

"Be the first wherever there is a sacrifice to be made, a self-denial to be practiced, or an impetus to be given."

Amy Carmichael, missionary who spent 53 years in India without a furlough

■ <u>To generate resources</u>: Shift ministry focus from <u>local</u> to the <u>whole world</u>.

#### **Essential Activities**

- Evangelism and Discipleship are essential, fundamental activities of Spirit-filled believers.
- God uses individuals to build fruitful personal ministries by doing evangelism and discipleship.
- Evangelism and discipleship are foundational to movement building, <u>but they are insufficient to</u> <u>sustain a movement.</u>
- Multiplying of leaders and the generation of resources requires greater intentionality sustained over seasons of ministry.

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#### CONCLUSION

We can not settle for good activities that only produce ministry.
We must intentionally help our teams move from collections of individual ministries to movements by multiplying leaders and generating resources.



