

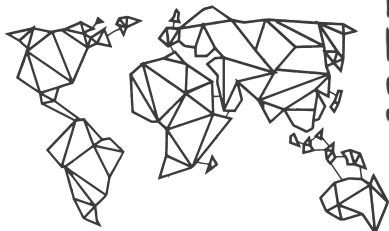


¹ Robert E. Coleman, *The Coming World Revival* (London, UK: Hodder & Stoughton Religious, 1996).

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GREAT COMMISSION LEADERSHIP

HOMEWORK
PACKET
TWENTY-
FOUR



LEADERS MULTIPLY

DEVELOPING NEW LEADERS

Where God's conditions are met, we can be confident that revival will come.¹

Robert E. Coleman

BEFORE GOING ANY FURTHER, IS CHRIST ON THE THRONE?

If not, make sure He is!

MEMORY VERSE

Never be lacking in zeal, but keep your spiritual fervor, serving the Lord.

Romans 12:11 [NIV]

LEADERS MULTIPLY

Jesus taught that His gospel must be preached to all the nations (Mk. 13:10)—the ultimate fulfillment of His Great Commission (Matt. 28:18-20) which will one day culminate in people from every tribe, tongue, people group and nation following Him (Rev. 7:9-10). Josiah shared God's heart for revival. He became king of Judah at the age of eight. His father Amon and grandfather Manasseh were both evil kings (2 Kings 19). Josiah didn't allow their bad examples to determine how he would live and lead, but followed his great grandfather Hezekiah's example instead—loving and obeying God (2 Kings 18-20). Josiah began walking with God at age sixteen (2 Chr. 34:3), began returning Judah and Israel to the Lord at the age of twenty (2 Chr. 34:3), and he went on to purge the land of idolatry and brought the people back to the Lord and to His Word. Josiah is a great example of a leader who was focused on and committed to God and who led those he was called to lead into an authentic revival. As long as he lived his people never failed to follow the Lord (2 Chr. 34:33). Leaders who are committed to Christ will always be committed to encouraging believers and reaching the lost.

HOW TO MULTIPLY

In our standard Exponential Harvest training, we emphasize the thirty, sixty, and one-hundred fold multiplication Jesus teaches about (Mark

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4:8)! We were meant to multiply. We must multiply by dedicating resources. We've each been given so much and we need to steward our resources according to God's purposes (Matt. 25:14-30). We must multiply by discipling key leaders (2 Tim. 2:2). We need to invest in multipliers and help them do the same. We must multiply by demonstrating Christ-like leadership. We need to set an example in ministry, like Paul did (1 Cor. 11:1). Finally, we must multiply by delegating multiplication. Jesus delegated ministry and multiplied multipliers (Matt. 10, Lk. 10), and we should too.

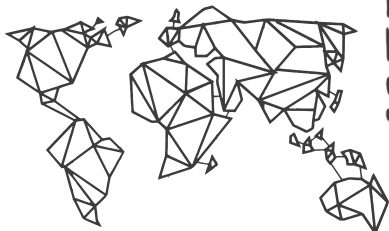
→ **How can you implement these aspects of multiplication in your ministry?**

MULTIPLICATION AND REVIVAL

One challenge facing our churches today is the confusion between revival and multiplication. Revival itself is not multiplication—though multiplication can result because of revival, and revival can result because of multiplication. By definition, revival is a sustained and unhindered work of God resulting in true repentance, transforming believers and saving the lost. The word itself even carries the sense of the act of breathing new, or renewed, life into someone or something. Revival happens when God breathes new life into Christians, who in turn reach non-Christians on His behalf.

Multiplication is the spark that ignites revival. While it may not seem to carry with it the impressive scale that some revivals have carried, given time healthy multiplication far surpasses any revival we have seen in history! The importance of this is paramount. If we, as believers, do not have a multiplication mindset, revival remains an impressive-looking event—much like a carnival that comes into town and leaves the town in much of the same state (if not worse than) it was in when it came. True revival is built on, and sustained by, God working through His disciples to make more disciples of Jesus, who make more disciples, and so on (2 Tim. 2:1-2).

Thankfully, multiplication (and the revival that can accompany it) does not solely rest on our shoulders—God is already drawing every person towards Himself (Jn. 12:32-33) and empowering believers to be His



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witnesses (Acts 1:8). But we all, individually, have a role that God invites us into: abiding in Him (John 15) and obeying His Great Commission (Matt. 28:18-20). Therefore, true revival is mutual—we must abide in Jesus as He is working in us. God can use any and all of us who are abiding in Him for multiplying Christ-like multipliers!

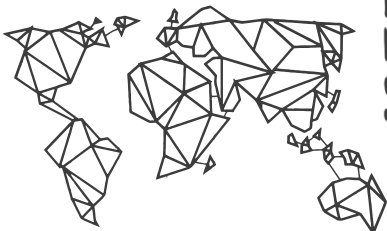
The main challenge of our viewpoint of revival? Many Christians are waiting, praying for, hoping for a large event, or series of sweeping events, called “revival” to change the spiritual atmosphere of a city, a nation, or the world. It’s not inherently wrong to hope for such an event—and prayer is crucial if we want to see believers walking with the Lord, and from that this world come to Christ. While we may not realize or admit it, however, this mindset leaves us as believers waiting on someone else to be the spark that ignites revival—as though God might not want us to be involved in His plan to reach the world. This, in turn, hinders many of us from joining Jesus in the greatest catalyst of revival: multiplication.

Remember, Jesus—God in the flesh—poured three years of his life into twelve faithful men and an unknown number of faithful women—and these faithful disciples went on to reach one-third of the world by following His example. We can always rejoice at thousands coming to faith in Christ and/or being baptized through one or more events, but true depth as a believer doesn’t occur in one night. The core issue remains the same as when Jesus spoke to His disciples: “The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few” (Matt. 9:37b). Therefore, let us not only “pray earnestly” (Matt. 9:38), but also join Him in the most rewarding harvest of all: multiplying Christ-like multipliers until the Great Commission is completed!

→ **What misconceptions have you had about revival?**

→ **What do you think about the following statement?**

Revival does not need to be brought, as if God isn’t already actively working; it must be catalyzed by obedient and empowered believers. When revival isn’t happening, it is because Christians are sitting around waiting for revival to happen!



² The Traveling Team, "Growth of the Church," <http://www.the-travelingteam.org/node/192> (Accessed Jan 31, 2013).

³ Islam Watch, "Islam Under Scrutiny by Ex-Muslims," <http://www.islam-watch.org/Leaving-Islam/Muslims2Christianity> (Accessed Jan 31, 2013).

⁴ "Facebook," <http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Facebook> (accessed January 31, 2013).

⁵ Steve Shadrach, *The Fuel and The Flame: 10 Keys to Ignite Your College Campus for Jesus Christ* (Tyrone, GA: Authentic Publishing, 2003), 75.

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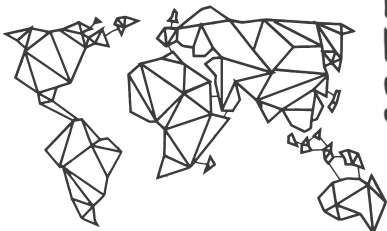
REACHING THE WHOLE WORLD

Can all nations be reached with the Gospel within our lifetime? Your eyes, mind, heart, Satan, the world, and even other Christians discourage us, telling us this world can't be won for Christ, just like the ten spies discouraged the Israelites about the promised land (Numbers 13). But take heart! People are coming to Christ across the globe. Every day, more than 260,000 people hear the gospel, and more than 174,000 come to faith in Christ; 34,000 trust Christ each day in Latin America, 30,000 trust Christ each day in China and 25,000 trust Christ each day in Africa.² One Muslim source even reported 16,000 Muslims turning to Christ each day.³ We truly have the greatest opportunity in history to fulfill the Great Commission in our lifetimes!

Consider this: Facebook reached more than 15% of the world's population in its first decade of existence.⁴ It is not a stretch at all to believe that hundreds of millions of believers could do six times better for God. Steve Shadrach reminds us that the Great Commission is not the Church's responsibility collectively, but ours individually, asking, "How can I tell if you've taken personal responsibility for the Great Commission? Simple. You have a plan to pull it off."⁵ By this point in the workbook you have probably realized that the Exponential Harvest is a great strategy for "pulling off" the Great Commission. You must still ask yourself if you've owned the challenge and accepted responsibility for the Great Commission. Globalization, transportation, communication, technology, the internet, apps, and social networks have created the best opportunity in history to actually fulfill the Great Commission.

Shadrach quotes Walt Henrichsen and Howard Hendricks, who, in *Disciples are Made not Born*, write, "If you are at college for any other reason than to be a missionary for Christ, you are there for selfish and sinful reasons."⁶ You could probably say the same about anything in life: If you are [fill in the blank] for any other reason than to be a missionary for Christ, you are there for selfish and sinful reasons." The nations can be reached with the Gospel—and well within our lifetime. Are you in?

→ **What will you do with the greatest opportunity to fulfill the Great Commission in history?**



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→ **How will you take personal responsibility for the Great Commission?**

MULTIPLYING CHRIST-LIKE MULTIPLIERS

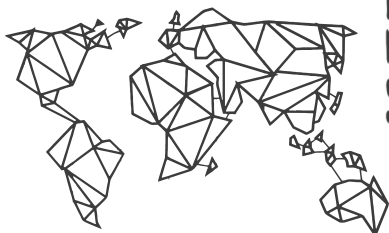
Jesus invested more time in His twelve disciples than in the crowds, and then even more time with Peter, James, and John. By the time John (the last of the disciples alive at the time) died, one-third of the entire earth had been reached through the process of evangelism, discipleship, and spiritual multiplication.

Exponential growth requires multiplying multipliers. When we personally prepare with God, maintain an outward focus, share the gospel, follow up with people, and disciple new believers, we set the stage for multiplication. When we invest in key, Great-Commission-focused, Holy-Spirit-empowered believers we will see multiplication happen. There are many tools available today to help you invest in these key believers—you could even use the homework packets from this course to do so! We also encourage starting Great Commission groups with a few key believers to help them continue growing. We will look more at this type of small group in a future homework packet also. In brief, these are small groups of leaders who are all leading others, discipling others, and sharing their faith.

→ **What step do you need to take to begin multiplying Christ-like multipliers?**

HAVE A MULTIPLICATION **ACTION** PLAN

It has been said there are three types of people: those that make things happen, those that watch things happen, and those who ask what happened. We must be intentional as we meet with faithful Christians who are leading other believers. This intentionality requires some planning. As we make our plans for multiplying Christ-like multipliers, remember the following **ACTION** acronym:



⁷ Jim Elliot, "Quotable Quotes," <http://www.goodreads.com/quotes/541037-father-make-of-me-a-crisis-man-bring-those-i> (Accessed January 31, 2013).

⁸ Bill Bright, "How to Fulfill the Great Commission," https://uicru.files.wordpress.com/2013/10/how_to_help_fulfill_the_great_commission.pdf (Accessed August 25, 2021).

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- » **Acknowledge God's call.** The world is lost. They're hungry. God has created that hunger. Commit yourself fully to Christ (Rom. 12:1-2). Have the right heart! Christ's love compels you to do so (2 Cor. 5:14). This all has to come out of intimacy with Him.
- » **Connect with God** (and be empowered by His Holy Spirit). Jim Elliot said, "Father, make of me a crisis man. Bring those I contact to decision. Let me not be a milepost on a single road; make me a fork, that men must turn one way or another on facing Christ in me."⁷ He will work through you, impacting others, if you allow Him to be your source.
- » **Train yourself and others for the battle.** Athletes who don't train lose. Christians who don't train do too. Be committed to training for Great Commission victory and the help those you lead train as well.
- » **Intercede intentionally and specifically.** Pray for those you lead. Pray *with* those you lead. Be committed to a fervent prayer life.
- » **Outreach throughout your sphere of influence.** Be committed to a personal strategy in order to reach your community effectively, in Christ's strength.
- » **Network with and encourage other believers in doing these same things.** You can't do it alone. Find like-minded believers, committed to fulfilling the Great Commission and partner with them.

By making **ACTION** plans, we not only prepare ourselves for the Great Commission, but model a healthy way to plan for others. Bill Bright writes this about effective planning and multiplication:

As each of us develops a personal strategy, God can use us to play a vital role in helping to fulfill the Great Commission.

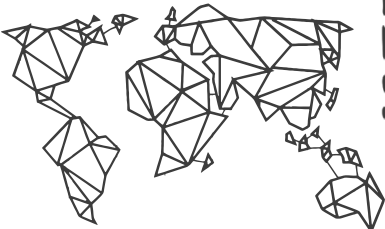
It all boils down to this simple equation:

GOAL - PLAN + ACTION = DREAM

GOAL + PLAN + ACTION = REALITY.⁸

Jesus saved us according to the definite plan of God (Acts 2:23). Paul had a strategy for evangelism and discipleship (Acts 17:2). God already has a plan prepared for you (Eph. 2:10) so live out the plan He has for you. Take steps of faith—big risks for God in the power of the Holy Spirit—and trust the results to Him!

→ **Which part of the ACTION acronym will you apply this week? How?**



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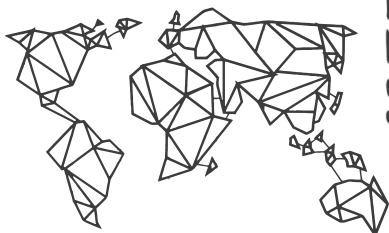
THE FIVE R'S FOR ANY GENERATION

As you do the Exponential Harvest, and as you help the multipliers you disciple prepare **ACTION** plans for reaching today's culture, remember the five **R**'s. These not only describe where this generation is at and how to reach them, but are also relevant to all generation. The 5 **R**'s are:

- » **Real.** People long for authenticity. Even if the people we are reaching out to may not be, genuine authenticity is greatly valued and desired. We must be real about our brokenness, and also about our reliance on Jesus to make something good out of our mess.
- » **Relevant.** People are looking for content that is relevant to their life. Some have taken this too far and decided that they must change Scripture to "make it more relevant." We must not do this. Those we lead need us, not to be relevant with *what* we say (truth doesn't change), but *how* we say it—presenting truth in love, meeting people where they are at.
- » **Relational.** People in every generation value relationship. We must be involved in the lives of those we lead—just as the multipliers we disciple must be involved in the lives of those they lead. No one wants to be treated as a project, but to be valued as the person they are. Have fun and do life together—and minister in the midst of this.
- » **Revolutionary.** People long for their life to have purpose or value. Sometimes this leads to misguided ventures, but what greater purpose do we have than knowing Christ and making Him known? We must lead in our actions and applications in such a way that reveals the revolutionary nature of the Gospel.
- » **Role.** People want to be involved—to have a role in it all. This is one reason why evangelism has to be more than just a monologue with a chance to respond, and delegation in discipleship is important. We must provide opportunities for interaction and discussion as people work through choosing to follow Jesus, and we must provide opportunities for those we lead to lead as well.

The good news is that Gospel makes a way for us to truly be real, relevant, relational, revolutionary, and help others have a role in it all!

→ **How can you implement the 5 R's in your ministry?**





⁹ Michael Richardson, *Amazing Faith: The Authorized Biography of Bill Bright* (Colorado Springs, CO: WaterBrook Press, 2000), 56.

¹⁰ D. James Kennedy, *The Gates of Hell Shall Not Prevail: The Attack on Christianity and What You Need to Know to Combat It* (Nelson Reference & Electronic Publishing, 1997), <https://www.azquotes.com/quote/1143126> (accessed August 25, 2021).

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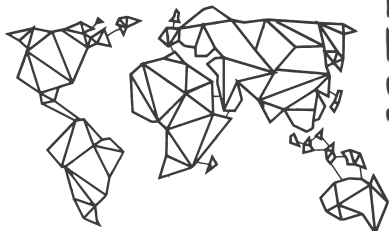
CO-LABORERS WITH CHRIST

Ultimately, we are called to be co-laborers with God (1 Cor.3:9). Will you be sold out and all in, or will you live a life of fear, pride, passivity, lethargy, and apathy? Will you allow yourself to be a fool for Him (1 Cor. 4: 10)? This is THE adventure and abundant life He promised (Jn. 10:10). Bill Bright put it this way, "There are no unhappy obedient Christians and there are no happy disobedient Christians."⁹ Serving Him is the key to zeal and passion in your walk (Rom. 12:11). Remember, true revival is mutual—we must abide in Jesus, as He is working in us to multiply. We can start catalyzing it today! Are you committed to serving God in order to see a worldwide, sustained, and unhindered work of God resulting in true repentance transforming believers and saving the lost?

- **Read Matt. 3:11 and Acts 5:41. How do John the Baptist's and the disciples' responses reflect their heart and commitment for Jesus and the Great Commission?**

FOR SUCH A TIME AS THIS...

We are so privileged to be able to serve Jesus at this time in history! He is doing amazing things throughout the world and He has put all of us here strategically for this very time (Acts 17:26-27). Are you all in? While an easy a question to answer in word, this can be difficult to put into practice. It would not be unreasonable to assume that all of us have had moments where we have either literally, or by action, said, "No, Lord." D. James Kennedy challenges us with this statement: "You cannot say, 'No, Lord,' and mean both words; one annuls the other. If you say no to Him, then He is not your Lord."¹⁰ Jesus has given us a command (Matt. 28:18-20), and we, as His disciples, are obligated to follow it. We must take advantage of this life, and the opportunities in this season we have been placed in, to share the gospel and make disciples of Jesus. Remember Eph. 3:20-21: "Now to Him who is able to do exceedingly abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power that works in us, to Him be glory in the church by Christ Jesus to all generations, for ever and ever." So, are you all in? Are you committed to Christ and His Great Commission? If so, are you all in today? God will work through you to multiply multiplying believers!



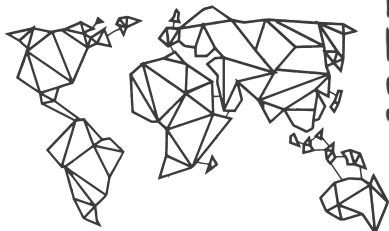


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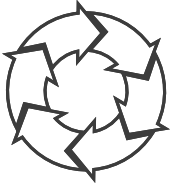
- **Read Isaiah 6:1-13. Take some time and ask the Lord to reveal times you have said, "No, Lord," either by word or deed (and repent and ask Him for forgiveness). What do you find that most often seems to stand in the way of you saying, "Here am I, send me"?**

In the end, multiplication led to us believing in Jesus today. If it weren't for Jesus working in and through the faithful men and women who carried the Gospel throughout the generations to us today, we would not have received the hope that we have in Him. We need to multiply, and we do so by dedicating resources (Matt. 25:14-30), discipling key leaders (2 Tim. 2:2), by demonstrating Christ-like leadership (1 Cor. 11:1), and by delegating multiplication (Matt. 10, Lk. 10).

Remember, your weaknesses, inabilities, failures and past present no challenge to God's will for your life. Your willingness does. Be willing to be and do what God made you for. You don't have what it takes but God's Spirit in you does so be the leader He made you to be and turn this world upside down for Him!



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ACT NOW

INTERVIEW A DISCIPLE-MULTIPLIER

- For review, fill out the Exponential Harvest Strategy diagram in the Notes column on this page, then circle "Multiply". What is one way you can grow in this area in your walk with the Lord?

- Revisit the **ACTION** acronym. Come up with a plan for each letter.
 - » Acknowledge God's call. *How has God called you to invest your life in His Great Commission? How will you do that?*

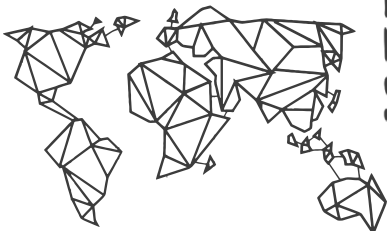
 - » Connect with God (and be empowered by His Holy Spirit). *How have you been neglecting to walk close to God and filled with His Spirit? How will you start walking closer to Him?*

 - » Train yourself and others for the battle. *What areas of ministry do you need more training in and how will you go about that? How can you train others?*

 - » Intercede intentionally and specifically. *What are some ways you can pray for the people you lead? How can you grow in praying with those you lead?*

 - » Outreach throughout your sphere of influence. *Plan out some ways to share your faith more in your spheres of influence (ex. school, neighborhood, work, etc.).*

 - » Network with and encourage other believers in doing these same things. *How can you begin networking with other believers in order to encourage them to fulfill His Great Commission? Who can you start seeking partnership with today?*





¹¹ G. T. Doran, *There's a S.M.A.R.T. Way to Write Management's Goals and Objectives* (Management Review, Volume 70, Issue 11, 1981), 35-36.

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PERSONAL GROWTH

→ Write out this lesson's memory verse (also, write it out several more times this week):

→ List a SMART (Specific, Measurable, Attainable, Relevant & within a Time-frame) goal¹¹ for this lesson and action plans for achieving it.

SMART Goal:

Action plan:

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→ How are you staying close to Jesus, walking by faith and in integrity, trusting Him and the power of His Spirit in life and ministry rather than yourself, and how can you more?

→ Jesus insisted that serving Him and serving others was the highest attribute of leadership (Mt. 20:25-28). How are you growing as a servant leader?

→ How will this lesson help you better accomplish the Great Commission and multiply Christ-like multipliers?

→ List any last thoughts and then put everything you learned in this lesson in God's hands, trusting Him to build these things into your life.

