

THE *Big 3*

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It's easy to get stuck in a loop of hanging out together as Christians with little thought or effort given to how more and more people will get to experience life together in the Kingdom this way. Planning for and expecting healthy growth, maturity and multiplication is exercising your faith!

Here are three key things to believe and consider:

1. **Expect growth to happen while letting everyone know that it is normal and good.** Talk about this early on... multiplication is natural and part of the goal to accomplishing God's mission. (To fill the entire world with his glory!) This is so often *never* talked about.
2. **Embrace the grief that accompanies sending friends and family out on mission.** Mourn the changes associated with growth. Talk about it, acknowledge everyone's fears and feelings. Don't make things like a divorce where the kids feel horrible having to choose which parent they want to now go and live with! Multiplication sends new leaders paired for skills, maturity and proximity to develop new, vibrant communities on mission.
3. **Remember, small is big and slow is fast!** Keep things intentionally simple. New leaders and disciples can reproduce and communicate small bits of natural community life, and the gospel, if you break it down and keep it simple. Help them to reproduce more and more of life in the Kingdom over time. Make room for them to lead and also pass on what they are learning with others newer to the community. Be sure to give them constant feedback and encouragement on how they are doing and how they can improve.

The privilege we enjoy of living in gospel centered communities is amazing! Pray for growth so more people will come to know the salvation Christ offers and the new life in his family that is available to everyone.

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