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**TITLE: Multiplying Your Missional Community**

Moving a missional community toward multiplication is a lot like preparing your kids to move out and start a life with families of their own. Done well, it takes a great level of intentionality!

Here are three key things to believe and consider when planning for multiplication...

1. **The right time to start the preparation to multiply your missional community is when you're first starting it!** A missional community is not a "holy huddle", renamed small group or Bible study. Your goal is to live increasingly like a family, together on mission. Let your folks know that healthy things always grow and we are trusting God for growth and multiplication, right from the start. That way you'll avoid a 'bait and switch' reaction people can have when they thought they joined your group for life.
2. **The fear that often comes from group growth and community multiplication finds its roots in a false (or really small) understanding of the Gospel.** The church, and therefore our extended families on mission (that's what a missional community is) exists for the sake of others to God's glory. We have been sent out with the Holy Spirit to be fruitful and multiply. The closeness and openness you may feel today with those currently in your group has come from trusting yourself with others, but it is the work of the Gospel that has worked through your fears and the need to hide the 'real you'. You can trust God and your ongoing redemption with new brothers and sisters too!
3. **Leadership development is the tip of the spear when it comes to continuous growth and multiplication.** Do you have a person or couple in your community that you are intentionally developing for the purpose of leading their own MC in the near future? Do the other group leaders in your church have identified apprentices and a reproducible plan and resources for their equipping? If you are finding your groups bursting at the seams with loads of people and/or kids, it's time to up your intentionality on developing the next leaders you'll need for multiplication.

**Also:** If you want to learn a full framework for discipleship and living as a family on mission, I'd like to tell you about the coaching and mentorship that we offer. Let's set up a short Zoom call to get to know each other better and I'll tell you all about it and answer any questions you have.

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Thanks for listening... we'll see you in the next episode!

*-Caesar*