

## MULTIPLYING

### Disciple Making Movements in the Book of Acts

The book of Acts is the story of how the Jerusalem movement, started by Jesus and led by the Peter, James and the apostles, became a series of movements that shook whole provinces of the vast Roman empire!

In our modern world, we tend to forget that for centuries almost **the entire global church was a house church network.**

We know the church in Jerusalem had grown to about 5,000 families by Acts 4. Since families were big and most homes were small, with only 2 to 4 families able to meet together, there may have been more than 2,000 small fellowships in the city. They occasionally met together in the temple, but there is no way the apostles and deacons served all these groups. Throughout history, revivals and movements have been home based with many lay leaders. Around the world today movements struggle to grow enough leaders.

Disciple making movements are often started by gifted catalysts like Peter or Paul who were sent out by God to break into places the gospel has never been. But once the gospel begins impacting families, **it tends to spread through simple, Spirit led people adopting simple patterns.**

The movement in Antioch sent out Barnabas and Paul. Within weeks they moved on to new areas, leaving behind multiple house fellowships. Within one year they revisited and appointed elders “in every place” over these networks of home groups. Paul wrote letters to reprove, exhort, correct and train in righteousness. Planting, watering, and follow-up are all modeled for us.

God is still sending out specially gifted leaders and simple, faithful followers. **What must we learn from Acts for the next billion believers?**

## DISCIPLES



**Then he opened their minds so they could understand the scriptures, and said to them, “Thus it stands written that the Christ would suffer and would rise from the dead on the third day, and repentance for the forgiveness of sins would be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. Luke 24:45,46**

**Movements multiply disciples and churches with Simple, Affordable, Reproducible and Multilingual methods and tools that anyone can use in their neighborhoods.**

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**AT LEAST 5 MOVEMENTS OF 1000+ BELIEVERS AND 7 EMERGING MOVEMENTS OF HUNDREDS IN 32 YEARS**  
2 FIRST GEN ATs + 2 SECOND GEN ATs

<b>1. Jerusalem center</b>	Acts 1-7
• Judea Province	3 years
• Samaria Province	20,000
• Damascus	4:4
	Acts 8-12
<b>2. Antioch center</b>	11 years
• Cypress	8:14,25,40
• Phoenicia	9:25,31,35,42
	10:44; 11:19-25
<b>3. Galatia &amp; Cilicia Provinces (Pisidian Antioch, Iconium, Lystra, Derbe, Phrygia)</b>	Acts 13-20
	12 years
	13:48-49
<b>4. Asia Minor Province (Ephesus center)</b>	14:1,7,20,21
	14:23,27,28
	15:41
<b>5. Macedonia Province (Thessalonica, Philippi, Berea)</b>	16:4-5,40
	17:4,12,34
	18:8,10
• Achaia Province (Corinth, Athens)	Acts 21-28
• Rome Center	6 years