

“Build Out”
Acts 9:31
Sermon Series: “Build Up, Build Out”

Multiplication as the word and focus for the year

Acts 9:31 says, “Then the churches throughout all Judea, Galilee, and Samaria had peace and were edified. And walking in the fear of the Lord and in the comfort of the Holy Spirit, they were multiplied.”

1. Multiplying disciples (Acts 1:8, 2:47, 11:19-21, Matthew 28:18-20)

Who’s Your One? (Matthew 4:19, reaching and discipling them)

Are you truly a disciple of Jesus?

2. Multiplying Leaders (Acts 6:1-7, 13:1, 14:21-23, 2 Timothy 2:2)

- Internships
- Discipling the next generation at TLC and in Honduras through the clubs
- MLT and BTCL
- Training Centers in Honduras

3. Multiplying Small Groups (Acts 2:46) One of our core values is “we need each other” so our philosophy of ministry is that we are a church of small groups.

4b. Multiplying Churches through church planting and leadership development

I believe Acts gives us the pattern for a true New Testament Church, which definitely includes church planting. Aubrey Malphurs says, “If we desire to know how the early church understood Christ’s commission, we can find the answer in the Book of Acts. Acts is a church-planting book because much of what takes place does so in the context of starting new churches.”

We see this in Acts 11 when the disciples were scattered by persecution. As they went, they shared Jesus with people. Many people were saved at Antioch so the church in Jerusalem dispatched Barnabas, who also took Paul, and they taught the people for a year. They developed into a church because Acts 11:26 and 13:1 call them a “church.”

Then, the leaders of this new church, under the leadership of the Holy Spirit, sent Paul and Barnabas out as missionaries, and they proclaimed the gospel, disciplined the converts, established leaders, and ultimately, planted churches in cities including Lystra,

Iconium, Antioch (14:21-23), Galatia (16:6), Philippi (16:9-15), Thessalonica (17:1-4), Corinth (18:1-11), and Ephesus (19:1-10).

- New Creation
- Children of Christ
- IF
- Honduras
- Expansion in the world and Uganda BTCL