



Multiplication

*Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptising them...
and teaching them to obey all that I commanded you.*

Matthew 28:19-20

First Third

15 Min *How are you? Pastoral Care*

15 Min *Evaluation: What has become of the goals from the last meeting?*

10 Min **The difference between addition and multiplication**

(Adjust the numbers according to your city / region)

A deadly virus emerged at the other end of the world and is spreading step by step. It's just a matter of time until it will reach your city and all 100,000 inhabitants will die. But you developed an antidote which could save the people in the city. It's not complicated to produce it, but it takes a lot of time. You're only able to produce antidote for 10 people in a year. **How long will it take until you can provide antidote for everybody in your city?** 10,000 years.

What will you do?

Second Third

10 Min *Worship*

10 Min *Learning from the Book of Acts. Share with each other: What did you learn from Acts 17-20? What is the Holy Spirit teaching you? Use your filled out worksheets for the Book of Acts.*

20 Min *New lesson: Give each participant a copy of this worksheet.*

The father's heart for the world

Throughout Old Testament history, the people of Israel did not grasp God's desire to reach the world. Even the apostles and the first believers failed to understand this until Acts chapter 10! But God's desire to reconcile the whole world to Himself was not a new idea, and we find clues all the way back to the beginning of Scripture:

Genesis 12:1-3	God's desire to bless <i>all the families</i> of the earth
1 Kings 8:41-43	That <i>foreigners</i> would know and fear Him
Psalms 67	God's salvation among <i>all the nations</i>
Isaiah 56:6-7	A house of prayer for <i>all the nations</i>
John 3:16-17	God's love for <i>the whole world</i>
2 Peter 3:9	God's desire for <i>everyone</i> to come to repentance

Two areas of multiplication

God designed the natural world to expand through multiplication. He created all living things and commanded them to "*be fruitful and multiply, and fill the earth*" (Gen 1:28).

In the same manner, God wants His Kingdom to multiply throughout the whole world.

Multiplication of Disciples

2 Tim 2:2

Common Misconception: “God is looking for leaders, and I’m not the leader type!”

God is not only looking for polished leaders – He is primarily looking for faithful, obedient disciples who share what they received. Most of tomorrow’s disciple-makers are people not yet knowing Christ!

Multiplication of Churches

Acts 9:31 _____

Common Misconception: “Churches require lots of money, talent, and resources.”

In Acts, churches started wherever the gospel went. The churches were simple, inexpensive, and led by ordinary people – that’s how they can be multiplied easily.

? How does Paul achieve multiplication in Acts 17-20? In what ways did he “multiply himself”?

_____ *Third Third* _____

25 Min *Practice:*

How does God want to “multiply” you? Take time to reflect and share:

- What gifts, abilities and ministries do I have and in which of these am I training others?
- Who else could do the things I am doing if I start showing him how?

God gave each of us different gifts so that we grow in them and use them. But there is the danger that we become the only ones who do our „special ministries“. We carve out such a niche for ourselves that we make ourselves irreplaceable.

- How can we avoid this danger in our group and train each other in different areas?

Take time for prayer.

5 Min **My personal goals until next time:**



Use your people list, pray and set your personal goals

☐ Inspired from the study of Acts or from this lesson I want to obey God next week in this point:

☐ I will share my story with God with _____ .

☐ I will study Acts 21-24 and write down what God is teaching me (using the *Acts Worksheet*)

☐ I will train _____ just as I have been trained

☐ I will pray for the people on my list every day

10 Min *Pray for each other*