

ADDITION BY MULTIPLICATION

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When Jesus set about to accomplish His Father's mission, He could have done it in any number of ways, but He chose to do His work through ordinary people. Men and women who were flawed and weak and often ignorant. He sent His disciples out two by two, and later told them to "go into all the world." This small band of brothers grew and grew and within one generation, the mighty Roman Empire was being impacted by Jesus' followers. God has and will accomplish global transformation through the faithfulness of groups of people who are fully devoted to Him. Join us for part four of Tightrope where we will explore Southside's commitment to kingdom expansion through small groups multiplication.

PASSAGE: Luke 9:1-6; John 6:47-51, 60-71; Luke 10:1-11

CORE VALUE:

We believe in Kingdom _____ through _____ multiplication.

Kingdom expansion involves _____ .

Small group multiplication involves _____ .

Discipleship is _____ and _____ .



BALANCE CHECK:

Expansion (wide) _____ Small Group (deep)

Questions:

- Are we deepening our understanding of who God is and what He has called Southside to do?
- Are you seeking out and open to whoever God is bringing into your community?
- What is your identity in Christ? Are you digging deep into your relationship with Him?



DAILY READINGS:

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| Day 1: Jeremiah 39, Daniel 1 | Day 5: Acts 7 |
| Day 2: Esther 3 and 4 | Day 6: Acts 8 |
| Day 3: Esther 7 and 8 | Day 7: Acts 9 |
| Day 4: Daniel 9, Nehemiah 1-2:8 | |

SUGGESTED RESOURCES:

Books:

- The Connecting Church*, by Randy Frazee
- Chasing Daylight*, by Erwin McManus

SMALL GROUP QUESTIONS

We are in a series called **Tightrope**. In our worship gatherings we are focused on our church's core values and how those values provide clarity in times of uncertainty. When God called us to follow Him and to become fishers of men, He was calling us to Kingdom expansion and small group multiplication. It is sometimes difficult to see how Kingdom expansion occurs through small group multiplication. Sometimes that multiplication can feel like division as individuals live through the change. Take the time to look over these examples of how God expanded (or did not expand) His Kingdom and what allowed for that to occur.

HANGOUT [WARMING UP TO THE TOPIC]:

1. When have you ever had to become a part of a new group? Why did this occur? What were the challenges of joining a new group?

HEAR [LISTENING TO GOD THROUGH SCRIPTURE]:

2. Read Genesis 13:1-13.

- What caused God's people to go into smaller groups?
- Has anything like this ever occurred in your life or in a church you attended? Did it feel like a period of multiplication or division? Why?
- Later (Genesis 19), Lot's family chose to fall into the sins of the city of Sodom. Could Lot have avoided this fall? What would happen if Lot had chosen the land of Canaan?

3. Read Acts 2:41-47.

- What caused God's people to go into smaller groups?
- Has anything like this ever occurred in your life or or in a church you attend? Did it feel like a period of multiplication or division? Why?
- How could the church gone into disarray at this point in time?

4. Read Acts 7:58-8:4.

- What caused God's people to go into smaller groups?
- Has anything like this ever occurred in your life or or in a church you attend? Did it feel like a period of multiplication or division? Why?
- Do you think the stoning of Stephen encouraged or discouraged the church?

5. Read Acts 15:36-41.

- What caused God's people to go into smaller groups?
- Has anything like this ever occurred in your life or or in a church you attend? Did it feel like a period of multiplication or division? Why?
- Later Paul speaks fondly of both Barnabas and John Mark (1 Corinthians 9:6, Colossians 4:10). Why do you think Paul did that? What had to occur for Paul to do this?

6. Typically, how we respond in difficult times is the difference between an outcome where God multiplies or where we divide. Why do you think God chooses to use flawed people to expand His Kingdom?

7. Each of these sections occurs at an important time in God's progressive plan for salvation and ultimately the church. Do you believe Abram, the church leaders, and Paul could have stopped God's work through their lives? Why or why not?

HUDDLE [MAKING IT PERSONAL AND PRAYING TOGETHER - IN HUDDLES]:

8. How can this group help keep us focused on the multiplication of God's Kingdom in the current crisis? Could this group stop God from moving at Southside? How will this group know when it is the right time to multiply? Talk about it, invite accountability, and take time to pray.