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MULTIPLY EXPONENTIALLY (PART 1)
Acts 2:47

A Different Kind of Church Growth...

- _____ **and** _____
 - ▶ True biblical _____ is inseparable from the mission of the church.
 - ▶ True biblical _____ is inseparable from the social responsibility of the church.

- _____ **Growth and** _____ **Growth**
 - ▶ The less-important question: How many people are _____?
 - ▶ The all-important question: What kind of people are we _____?

- _____ **and** _____
 - ▶ They _____ through their worship.
 - ▶ They _____ through their witness.
 - ▶ Our worship is _____ if it is disconnected from _____ in the world.

- _____ **and** _____
 - ▶ Contemporary Misunderstandings:
 - We view staff as professional _____ and members as amateur _____.
 - We measure success more by what happens when we _____ than by what happens when we _____.
 - ▶ A Biblical Understanding:
 - We gather together to _____ one another in the Gospel.
 - We scatter apart to _____ the world with the Gospel.

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- _____ **and** _____
 - ▶ A Dangerous Approach:
 - “Why go to all nations when there are people _____ who are in need?”
 - “I’m not _____ to foreign missions.”
 - The danger of separating local and global...
 - Local _____%; Global _____%
 - .03% in _____% of the world.
 - 1 missionary for every _____ people.
 - ▶ A Dynamic Alternative:
 - World-impacting _____.
 - Ever-multiplying _____.

The Bottom Line...

As the church, when we give ourselves to His _____ and His _____, we will experience His _____ — the earth filled with the knowledge of the glory of the Lord.



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A Different Kind of Church Growth...

■ **Unifying and Expanding**

- ▶ True biblical **community** is inseparable from the mission of the church.
- ▶ True biblical **evangelism** is inseparable from the social responsibility of the church.

■ **Quantitative Growth and Qualitative Growth**

- ▶ The less-important question: How many people are **coming**?
- ▶ The all-important question: What kind of people are we **producing**?

■ **Worshipping and Witnessing**

- ▶ They **unified** through their worship.
- ▶ They **multiplied** through their witness.
- ▶ Our worship is **empty** if it is disconnected from **expression** in the world.

■ **Gathered and Scatterede**

- ▶ Contemporary Misunderstandings:
 - We view staff as professional **performers** and members as amateur **spectators**.
 - We measure success more by what happens when we **come in** than by what happens when we **go out**.
- ▶ A Biblical Understanding:
 - We gather together to **train** one another in the Gospel.
 - We scatter apart to **penetrate** the world with the Gospel.

(Over)

■ **Local and Global**

- ▶ A Dangerous Approach:
 - “Why go to all nations when there are people **across the street** who are in need?”
 - “I’m not **called** to foreign missions.”
 - The danger of separating local and global...
 - Local **99.97%**; Global **0.03%**
 - .03% in **95%** of the world.
 - 1 missionary for every **1,240,000** people.
- ▶ A Dynamic Alternative:
 - World-impacting **disciples**.
 - Ever-multiplying **churches**.

The Bottom Line...

As the church, when we give ourselves to His **person** and His **plan**, we will experience His **product**—the earth filled with the knowledge of the glory of the Lord.