

Kingdom Principles for Church Growth

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**19 Go therefore and make disciples of all
the nations, baptizing them in the name of
the Father and of the Son and of the Holy
Spirit,**

**20 teaching them to observe all things
that I have commanded you; and lo, I am
with you always, even to the end of the
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Matthew 28:19-20

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Introduction: Essential Principles

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This book is about God's Kingdom principles of church growth.

It is a return to Biblical principals.

It begins where God begins.

It retraces our steps to rediscover, or perhaps discover for the first time, God's church growth process.

Church growth is born and
nourished through a process
given by God Himself.

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1 driving force of church growth:

The Great Commission

5. Essential church functions for church growth:

- Evangelism
- Ministry
- Discipleship
- Worship
- Fellowship

To help you clearly and thoroughly understand the Principles of this process, the concept of the 1.5.4. Principles is introduced in these pages.

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4. Results

- Numerical Growth
- Spiritual Transformation
- Ministry Expansion
- Kingdom Advance

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Process vs. Method

One of the greatest dangers we face
today in church growth is making

methods supreme.

Methods used in the fastest growing
church in your area may not work in
your church,

but God's principles of church growth
will work in every church.

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Process vs. Method

Before we can implement methods, we must understand the process God uses to redeem the world through the witness of the church. Church growth is a leading topic today. The population of the world is growing every second while some churches and denominations are plateauting or declining at an Alarming rate.

Still, we must not become so preoccupied with the search for the Right method to reach an exploding population of lost people that we forget that an understanding of God's principles for kingdom growth is primary.

Growth Begins With Divine Process

Methods of church growth are important, but
God does not begin with methods.

He begins with a Divine process, and we must
begin where He begins.

Somehow in our rush to find methods, we have
forgotten that the kingdom of God,
announced by Christ at the beginning of His
ministry (Mark 1:14-15), is a reality in our
world.

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Growth Begins with Divine Process

That kingdom is energized by God Himself.
The Bible frequently refers to God's kingdom as the
outworking of His plan of World redemption.

Scripture reveals God consistently doing two
things: creating and redeeming.

He chose to create humanity in His image to have
fellowship with Him and with One another.

God chose to create every person with a will by
which he or she accepts or rejects Him.

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Scripture shows Adam and Eve turning
away from God in disobedience and losing
the opportunity to fellowship with Him.

The story of humanity is the story of every
person Turning away from God in sin
because every person is a sinner by nature
and by choice.

God Chose To Redeem

In spite of our sin, God chose to redeem a
people for Himself out of the world.

Redemption restores the benefits lost in the
fall and provides the redeemed with
fellowship
with God and One another.

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God Chose To
Redeem

When Jesus came to earth, He brought
salvation to persons who were In sin and
Separated from God.

He came preaching the good news of the
kingdom and urging people to Repent of
Their sins and Trust in Him.

The Kingdom Continues To Grow

The Bible declares that the kingdom of God is growing and cannot Be stopped.

The knowledge that the Lord is working today, as He did in times past, to bring persons into His kingdom brings hope and joy to every Christian.

Even though some churches and denominations are plateauing and declining, we need to remember that God still is at work in His world and that His Kingdom is growing.

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Jesus Himself gives us this assurance:
“What is the kingdom of God like and to
what should I compare it?

It's like a mustard seed that a man took and sowed in his own garden. It grew and became a tree, and the birds of the sky nested in its branches. 'And again He said, "To what should I compare the kingdom of God? It's like yeast that a woman took and mixed into 50 pounds of flower until it spread through the entire mixture.

Luke 13:18-21

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The failure of people or nations to respond to God does not invalidate for a moment the Eternal truth about the growth of God's kingdom.

Christ explained that He inaugurated the kingdom of God among humanity when He began His ministry.

God's kingdom was in progress then and has been in progress ever since.

God Chose To Redeem

Jesus knew the kingdom would grow despite opposition, lack of faith, Personal failures, and many other problems.

We discover the secret of Kingdom growth and development from God's Word, from history, and from a careful examination of our present circumstances

The Beginning Place For Growth

We need to begin where God begins. Our Lord set Church growth in the arena of the Kingdom of God.

Within the context of the kingdom, we are able to understand that church growth can and will occur.

Church growth is the result of God's Supernatural work through His people to accomplish His kingdom's purposes.

Church growth also is the result of God's people obeying His will and His Word in the World

My prayer is that the kingdom principles of church growth will become your guiding principles and that as You / we and Your / our church apply them, You / we will experience church growth as our Lord intended.

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1.5.4 PRINCIPLES OF GROWTH

The 1.5.4 Principle introduced in this book embodies and describes the kingdom process of Church growth.

If you/we practice these kingdom principles in your/our church in the spirit in which our Lord gave them, they offer you/us and your/our church the opportunity to experience the Power of God working in your/our church, community, and beyond .

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