

# Questions To Think About

## Is it true . . .

- . . . There are good things about small churches that bigger churches can't have?
- . . . On average small churches score higher than large churches on 7 of 8 Natural Church Development quality characteristics?
- . . . Research by Dr. Richard Myers determined that every church has a limit to its size?
- . . . Dr. Myers' research show nearly all churches are at or very close to their limit?
- . . . Leadership and relational space are as important as building space in determining a church's limit?
- . . . Paul Ford and Paul Williams are correct when they say that the vast majority of church leaders are equipped and gifted by God to lead churches of one to two hundred but not larger churches?
- . . . Such leaders are better equipped to train/equip/mentor people to do what they do?
- . . . II Tim 2:2 is about training people to do what you do?
- . . . Two are better than one?
- . . . There is a difference between growing your church and churching (reaching) a community?
- . . . Two churches in an area can accomplish more than one church and three can accomplish more than two?
- . . . Churches that deliberately plant new churches grow more than churches that fail to reproduce?
- . . . 95% of new Christians are reached by new churches? Bob Logan
- . . . Small churches can plant churches? Dave Jacobs
  - . . . His small church (about 100 adult members) has planted churches?
  - . . . A church of about 150 has planted 18 churches in 15 years?
  - . . . A church that never averaged 100 had 20 daughter and granddaughter churches in 25 years?
  - . . . That most other small churches could do what these churches have done?
- . . . "*The single most effective evangelistic methodology under heaven is planting new churches*"? Peter Wagner [emphasis in the original]
- . . . "The vigorous, continual planting of new congregations is the single most crucial strategy for 1) the numerical growth of the Body of Christ in any city, and 2) the continual corporate renewal and revival of the existing churches in a city. Nothing else--not crusades, outreach programs, para-church ministries, growing mega-churches, congregational consulting, nor church renewal processes--will have the consistent impact of dynamic, extensive church planting. This is an eyebrow raising statement. But to those who have done any study at all, it is not even controversial."? Tim Keller
- . . . Most churches reach their maximum size by the time they are 12 to 15 years old?

- . . . There are reachable people in nearly all communities that will not be reached by existing churches?
- . . . “Bigger is better turned out to be another twentieth-century myth”? Peter Drucker
- . . . We get what we honor and promote?
- . . . What North American church leaders honor and promote hinders the development of a church planting movement?
- . . . The way megachurches plant churches hinders the development of a church planting movement?
- . . . In North America we honor elephant churches, we try to have baby elephants and most churches are mule churches (never reproduce)? The result? Christianity is declining.
- . . . Where Christianity is growing rapidly most churches are rabbit churches (small and rapidly reproducing)?
- . . . In less than five years a pair of rabbits and their offspring will weigh more than twice as much as a pair of elephants and their offspring?
- . . . A workshop on reaching 500 in 2 years would be more popular than one on small churches reproducing rapidly?
- The “best” way to plant a church is the worst way to multiply churches?
- . . . Bob Logan said that he knew that if his churches started a church across the street from his church it would reach people his church would never reach?
- . . . That is true of most churches?
- . . . We created a perception that small churches can’t and/or don’t need to plant churches?
- . . . We are neglecting much of our potential when we fail to encourage small churches to plant churches?
- . . . Most church leaders are more interested in growing “their” church than in growing the Kingdom?
- . . . New churches are more effective at reaching pagans (people who have never been in church or not in church for several years) than existing churches?
- . . . We talk more about growing a church than growing the Kingdom? If so, why?
- . . . We ask what is best for me/my/our church before we ask what is best for the Kingdom?
- . . . Failure to strongly encourage church planting is equal to failure?
- . . . Faith is spelled R-I-S-K
- . . . Things you and I do or don’t do can determine whether some people spend eternity in heaven or in H . . .
- . . . Excellence in loving is more important than excellence in worship?