

## **Multiplying the Church in Europe: See the Possibilities!**

Imagine a movement of timed-release church planting, in which every church plants a new church every three years. In the space of just fifteen years we would see 32 churches planted but more importantly we would see multiplication extended into a fifth generation. This is the new now; the vision we want before us.

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Introduction: The paper exercise

### I. The Ten Commandments of Multiplication

- A. Thou shalt not seek God’s blessings above God (The rule of love)
- B. Thou shalt not seek potential (The rule of provenness)
- C. Thou shalt not emphasize church planting as you plant (The rule of small subsets)
- D. Thou shalt not minister alone (The rule of apprenticeship/teams)
- E. Thou shalt not simply plant daughter churches (The rule of generational distance)
- F. Thou shalt not simply see the barn (The rule of bifocal vision)
- G. Thou shalt not overemphasize giftedness (The rule of reproducible systems)
- H. Thou shalt not make converts (The rule of disciple-making)

I. Thou shalt not be satisfied (The rule of thankfulness and not being satisfied)

J. Thou shalt not allow natural births (The rule of induced labor)

Breakout: Which of the above “commandments” are you keeping well? Which ones are you breaking?

## II. Towards a Church Planting Multiplication Movement in Europe

A. Leadership: Who are the leaders in our countries that are most suited to lead a culturally relevant CMP?

B. Context: Which churches in our country are closest to being movement churches?

C. Process: What are the best resources that we can access to help us with a CMP?

D. Influence: Who do I need to influence in order for a CPM to come about?

E. Intercession: What needs to change in my prayer life for a CPM to occur?

Breakout: Share answers to these questions with others

## III. Paper Exercise revisited

A. Insight: What is new?

B. Hubs: Where are the ten hubs in my country through which a CPM might be generated?

C. Vision Retreat: What steps can I take to bring together leaders from hubs to buy into a combined vision?

Breakout: Share one fresh insight that you will seek to implement in the next two weeks.

