

## Leading a Movement: Challenges, Issues, Pathways

Leaders of church planting multiplication movements need to realize that their role is to work on the movement and not in it. What does it mean to work on a church planting movement? We will explore the challenges that this presents, the issues that it surfaces and the route we can take to see it happen.

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### I. The Conundrum – What got you here (church planting) won’t get you there (movement)

- A. Church planting success is realized in involvement
- B. Involvement in church planting can hinder a movement
- C. A movement demands that leaders work on the ministry rather than in it

### II. The Challenges of a Movement Leader

- A. To shepherd a dynamic spiritual movement
- B. To discover, empower and coach church planting leaders
- C. To formulate audacious faith goals and to communicate them regularly
- D. To guide leaders to solve their ministry hurdles
- E. To fan the flames of church planting success

### **III. The Pathway to becoming a Movement Leader**

- A. Church Planting experience
- B. Learning from the best outside of our culture
- C. Inspiring vision
- D. Adherence to the G7 principles of church planting multiplication
- E. Surrendering the movement to God