



Your group matters.

DISCUSSION GUIDE

- Icebreaker -

For many people, summer is about family. How will you be going out of your way to connect or reconnect with family – even if they aren't blood relatives?

1. What initiated your first visit to Riverside and what most influenced you to stay?
2. What do you see as the greatest advantage of the multisite model and what is most appealing to you and your family?
3. Pastor Tom said that one of the strengths of a multisite church is that it “helps us grow both larger and smaller.” In what ways have you benefited from both the largeness and smallness of Riverside Church?
4. Read [Acts 2:41](#); [4:4](#); and [5:14](#). Many Christians are uncomfortable with churches and numbers, yet these verses specifically mention them. What was the early church counting and celebrating in these verses and how does that compare with your experience in the churches you have been a part of?
5. It can be easy to look at the prospect of opening a campus in Buffalo and speak of it as something “they” are doing rather than “we”. As a part of Riverside, what will you do to make Buffalo a “we” thing; what next steps will you take to increase your ownership and establish your partnership with God in what He is doing in Buffalo?

Day One: [Luke 5](#)

Day Two: [Genesis 49](#)

Day Three: [Galatians 4](#)

Day Four: [Revelation 6](#)

Day Five: [Ecclesiastes 7](#)

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PERSONAL GUIDE



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MULTIPLY

“MULTI-WHAT?”
JUNE 11, 2023

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"Multi-What?"

Pastor Tom Lundeen

MESSAGE NOTES

Having one church with multiple campuses while being one family is called _____.

It isn't a new idea in the Christian church (there are over _____ USA churches that are multisite and over 60 churches in the Twin Cities that are multisite).

1. What is a Multisite Church?

At Riverside, whatever campus you attend, you're not at a separate congregation with a different _____, with a different _____/vision...

Even at our Big Lake Campus, we've experienced _____ of multisite for many years.
One church, multiple locations, one _____...that's multisite!

2. Why Multisite?

Riverside Church _____ to reach people and help them to become fully devoted followers of Jesus Christ.

We're engaged in using multisite as the best strategy for us because it is the most effective _____ for us to help us fulfill our God-given mission and vision, based on the Great Commission (note [Matthew 28:18-20](#)).

Multisite:

- Is more _____-effective.
- Has a _____% success rate.
- Gets more people engaged in _____.
- Helps us _____ both larger and smaller.
- Provides us with the advantages of a new church _____ and a large church impact.
- Opens more seats at _____ times when people attend church.

3. The Very _____ Church was Multisite

Note [Luke 4:42-44](#); [Acts 2:41-42, 46-47](#); [8:1](#); [11:22](#); [15:4](#); [4:4](#); [5:14](#)

Minimum of _____ adults (plus kids); some scholars believe the Jerusalem Church had _____ or more people in it.

So how did this church do its _____?

It met in large groups to hear the apostles in the Temple Courts, and in _____-sized groups in homes.

It wasn't possible for the _____ church to meet at one time in the Temple Courts.

What does it mean for Riverside to MULTIPLY?:

- God has opened up a _____ door for our church to open a 3rd campus in Buffalo.
- We are asking people here to pray about being a part of this new campus core and team...
- And we're asking all Riversiders to take next steps in _____ as we now have the challenge of financially supporting all our campuses and start to rebuild our cash reserves so when God opens the next door, we can take that step without money holding us back.

Tell someone about the next step you took today in your spiritual journey! Let us know, too, and fill out our connect card (digital* or hard copy).

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Multisite:

- Is more cost-effective.
- Has a 90% success rate.
- Gets more people engaged in serving.
- Helps us grow both larger and smaller.
- Provides us with the advantages of a new church vibe and a large church impact.
- Opens more seats at optimal times when people attend church.

3. The Very First Church was Multisite

Note Luke 4:42-44; Acts 2:41-42, 46-47; 8:1; 11:22; 15:4; 4:4; 5:14
Minimum of 10,000 adults (plus kids); some scholars believe the Jerusalem Church had 30,000 or more people in it.

So how did this church do its ministry?

It met in large groups to hear the apostles in the Temple Courts, and in various-sized groups in homes.

It wasn't possible for the entire church to meet at one time in the Temple Courts.

What does it mean for Riverside to MULTIPLY?:

- God has opened up a wonderful door for our church to open a 3rd campus in Buffalo.
- We are asking people here to pray about being a part of this new campus core and team...
- And we're asking all Riversiders to take next steps in generosity as we now have the challenge of financially supporting all our campuses and start to rebuild our cash reserves so when God opens the next door, we can take that step without money holding us back.

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