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## Six Steps to Multiplying A Small Group

The most effective way to start new, healthy groups is by multiplying existing healthy groups. If a great small group leader has been raising up an apprentice and the apprentice is ready to lead a group of his own, the next group will most likely have the same DNA as the healthy group the apprentice came from. The following steps when multiplying a group will make the transition less painful for everyone involved.

### **Share the vision.**

Continually share the vision of multiplication with the group throughout the group's months or years together. Making this one of the primary goals of the group will greatly reduce the pain when the time of birthing a new group comes.

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### **Find a host.**

Ask someone to serve as the host of the new group.

### **Select members for the new group.**

Decide who will go with the apprentice and join him as he starts a new small group.

### **Choose a curriculum.**

Choose a curriculum for the that everyone is excited about.

### **Begin a countdown.**

Let the group know at least four weeks in advance that the group will be multiplying. This will give people time to grieve the loss of relationship and get use to the idea of no longer being together as they once were.

### **Celebrate.**

The last group meeting should be a time to celebrate everything the group has experienced together. The questions below will create a discussion that will lead into a time of celebration.

- > What's the most humorous moment you experienced while a part of this group?
- > What was the most inspiring moment you witnessed as we shared life together?
- > Why did this moment mean so much to you?
- > How has your life been changed by being a part of this small group? ■