

WHEN TO MULTIPLY

How to Know When to Multiply Your Group: Six Factors to Evaluate

1. Mission

- Has the group discussed a vision for multiplication?
- Has the group prayed about it together, bringing it to God?
- Would multiplication help or hurt the mission?

2. Relationships

- Will relational bonds be severed?
- Are there other ways to maintain friendships after multiplication?
- What are the relational fears related to multiplication? How could these be addressed?

3. Spiritual Growth

- Is spiritual growth happening in the lives of people in the group?
- Are newer people in the group also encouraged and challenged to grow?
- If spiritual growth is stagnant, could some change help restart or renew this aspect of the people in the group?

4. Practical Issues

- Has the group run into space issues? Crowded living room? Parking problems?
- Are people still connecting with everyone in the group? Or, has the group become somewhat fragmented relationally because the number of people is so large?
- Are there 3-4 solid couples who could help form each new group?

5. Outreach

- Is there opportunity to add more people?
- Is the group healthy and strong such that it would be a great group for more people if it were not already so large?

6. Leadership

- Are there persons in the group who are capable and available to step into leadership?
- Have they helped lead already at times?
- Would they be at least as effective as the current leaders were when they started leading?