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INTRODUCTION

THE PRESENT SCENARIO

Encountering the World of Islam

1/5 of humanity bows to Islam's Allah

20% of the world are Muslims

60% of the world's poor are Muslim

80% of the world's refugees are Muslim



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GO TO MATTHEW 28:16-20

- ✘ People who hate you
- ✘ People who will want to kill you
- ✘ Those we love and fear
- ✘ People who don't love you
- ✘ People who are different from you

**Go refers to change of heart rather
than just moving**

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WHAT THE BIBLE SAYS ABOUT CHURCH PLANTING

You will not find “Church Planting Movements” mentioned anywhere in the Bible. Yet, the first century world was swirling with new converts and multiplying indigenous churches planting churches which are Church Planting Movements.

Let’s take a look at the characteristics of Church Planting Movements and see what the Bible has to say about them.



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Abundant Gospel Sowing

- ✘ 2 Corinthians 9:6

- + “...whoever sows generously will also reap generously.”

- ✘ 1 Thessalonians 1:8

- + “The Lord’s message rang out from you...”



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All Peoples Will Be Reached

- ✘ Psalms 67 “Let all the peoples praise you.”
- ✘ Matthew 24:3, 14 “...and this gospel shall be preached to all peoples.”
- ✘ Revelation 5:9 “..you purchased men for God from every tribe...”
- ✘ Revelation 7:9 “...a multitude that no one could count, from every nation...”
- ✘ Revelation 15:4 “All nations will come and worship before you.”
- ✘ Psalm 96 “Ascribe to the Lord, O families of nations...”



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God Will Do It

- ✘ Philippians 1:6 “He who began...will do it.”
- ✘ 1 Peter 4:11 “...do it with the strength God provides.”

God's Word

- ✘ Acts 17:11 “...examined the Scriptures every day to see if...”



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HOUSE CHURCHES

- ✘ Acts 5:42 “...from house to house...”
- ✘ Acts 8:3 “Saul began to destroy the church. Going from house to house...”
- ✘ Acts 12:12 “...the house of Mary...where many people had gathered...”
- ✘ Romans 16:5 “Greet also the church that meets at their house.”
- ✘ 1 Corinthians 16:19 “...the church that meets at their house.”
- ✘ Colossians 4:15 “...the church in her house.”
- ✘ Philemon 2 “...the church that meets in your home.”



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Lay Leadership

Psalm 119:97-100 “I have more insight than my teachers...for I obey...”

Jeremiah 1:7 “Do not say, ‘I am only a child...’”

Luke 8:39 “...so the man went away and told all over town how much Jesus...”

Acts 4:13 “...they were unschooled, ordinary men.”

1 Corinthians 1:26 “...not many were wise by human standards...”

2 Corinthians 3:4-5 “Not that we are competent in ourselves...”

1 Timothy 4:12 “Don’t let anyone look down on you because you are young.”

1 Peter 2:9-10 “...you are a royal priesthood...”

1 Peter 4:10-11 “Each one should use whatever gift he has...”



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Indigenous Leadership

- Model, Equip, Watch & Leave

- ✘ 2 Timothy 2:2 “...entrust to reliable men...”
- ✘ Titus 1:5 “...appoint elders in every town...”



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Multiple Church Leaders

- ✘ 1 Corinthians 12:7 “Now to each one...the Spirit is given for the common good.”
- ✘ 1 Corinthians 14:26 “...everyone has a hymn, or a word...a revelation...”
- ✘ Ephesians 4:11-16 “...some to be apostles, some to be prophets, some...”

Oikos Evangelism

- Community Implications to Evangelism

- ✘ Acts 16:15 “...she and the members of her household were baptized.”
- ✘ Acts 16:31 “...you will be saved—you and your household.”



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Paradigm Shift

- ✘ Habakkuk 1:5 “...you would not believe even if you were told.”
- ✘ Matt. 9:17 “...new wineskins”
- ✘ Romans 12:1 “Be not conformed to this world...”
- ✘ Jonah 1-4 -The reluctant missionary



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Persecution and Suffering

- ✘ Matthew 10:17-25 “A student is not above his teacher.”
- ✘ 2 Corinthians 11:23-29 “I have known hunger and thirst.”
- ✘ 1 Peter 4:12-13 “Do not be surprised [that] you are suffering.”
- ✘ Revelation 6:9-11 “How long [until] you avenge our blood?”
- ✘ Revelation 12:10-12 “He is filled with fury, he knows his time is short.”



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PRAYER

- ✘ Psalms 2:8 “...ask of me and I will give you the ends of the earth.”
- ✘ Luke 5:16 “...Jesus often went off to a lonely place and prayed.”
- ✘ Luke 6:12 “...Jesus...spent the night praying to God...”

RAPID SPREAD OF THE GOSPEL

- ✘ Acts 2:47 “...the Lord added to their number daily those...being saved.”
- ✘ Acts 19:20 “In this way the word of the Lord spread widely and grew in power.”



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Rapid Assimilation of New Believers

- ✘ Acts 2:41 “Those who accepted his message were baptized...that day.”
- ✘ Acts 8:26-39 “Look, here is water. Why shouldn’t I be baptized?”
- ✘ Acts 16:5 “...the churches...grew daily in numbers.”
- ✘ Acts 18:5 “...grew daily in numbers.”

Remove Obstacles

- ✘ Luke 3:4-6 “...make straight the way of the Lord...”



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The Man of Peace, Opening New Work

- ✘ Luke 10:1-18 ...when you enter a town...

Unreached People Groups

- ✘ Matthew 18:12-13 - Parable of the Lost Sheep
- ✘ Romans 15:20-23 “...my ambition to preach where Christ was not known”



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CRITICAL ELEMENT

- ✘ 1. Start with prayer – know the mind of God and join Him in His work
- ✘ 2. Everything is grounded in Scripture
- ✘ 3. Focus is on households, not individuals
- ✘ 4. Make Disciples, not converts
- ✘ 5. Teach obedience-based discipleship, not knowledge-based
- ✘ 6. Plan your work and work your plan – be intentional in Evangelism and Church Planting



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CRITICAL ELEMENT

- ✘ 7. Start with the Man of Peace or an existing relationship that will permit a Discovery Bible Study or Witness
- ✘ 8. Form new believers into minimum practice groups that will become churches
- ✘ 9. Develop a group DNA of urgent obedience that will reach out to “ALL”
- ✘ 10. Develop a group DNA of rapidly reproducing disciples, leaders, groups and churches
- ✘ 11. Training is done “On the Job”



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CRITICAL ELEMENT

- ✘ 12. Keep all things reproducible by local leaders
- ✘ 13. Use unpaid local leaders to start new groups
- ✘ 14. Authority of Scripture and the Holy Spirit are all that is needed to start
- ✘ 15. Do not require cultural suicide
- ✘ 16. Persecution is part of being a Christian
- ✘ 17. Discipleship and Training are continuous and primarily done through mentoring
- ✘ 18. Model, Equip, Watch, **and Leave**



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COUNTER INTUITIVE

1. *Go slow at first to go fast later... focus on few to win may*
2. *Stay only where Jesus has prepared someone's heart to hear and obey*
3. *Do not focus on personal evangelism... focus on evangelizing the whole community through families*
4. *Start with creation not Christ*
5. *Disciple people to conversion... not vice versa*
6. *A novice insider will produce more fruit than a highly trained outsider*



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COUNTER INTUITIVE

7. *Prepare to spend a long time making strong disciples, but anticipate miracle accelerations*
8. *The best time for a church to plant a new church is when it is brand new*
9. *Focus on discipling ordinary people not developing "Professional" Christians*
10. *Expect the hardest places to yield the greatest result*
11. *Small for-profit project often yield much higher long term access to resistant areas than free services*



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CHURCH GROWTH TYPES

Elephant Rabbit



People are inspired and saved

Elephant Type Church



- Big
- Lots of Programs
- Holy Atmosphere (“church-like”)
 - Stained glass
 - Choir
 - Good preaching



Indispensable
Need to grow

BUT

Slow to
Multiply

- Fertile four time a year
- One baby per pregnancy (22 month gestation period)
- Sexual Maturity ... 18 Years



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One Pair of Elephants



**One Pair of Elephants
...The family grows from 2 to 3**



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**Each
5,500 kg
Total
16,500 kg**

Rabbit Type Church

- Small Group Oriented
- Scripture is Primary Source of all Teaching



Rabbits are small,

Multiply Rapidly

BUT

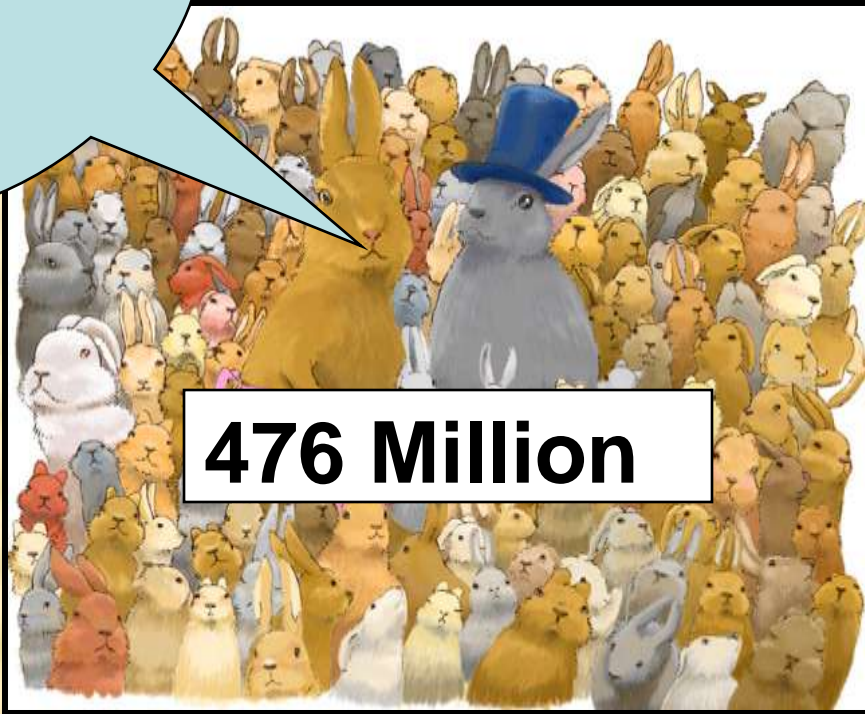
Rabbits

- Practically continuously fertile
- Average of 7 babies per pregnancy (1 month gestation period)
- Sexual Maturity... 4 months



**In 3 years... Two Rabbits
become...**

Honey,
What should we do?



476 Million

<u>Each</u>
1 kg
<u>Total</u>
476,000,000
kg



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SPECK

S – Is there a Sin to avoid or confess?

P – Is there a promise, a prayer, or praise in this passage?

E – Is there an example to follow (or not follow)?

C – Is there a command to obey?

K – Is there knowledge that I need to retain?

What are we going to do with what we have learned
TODAY?



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Text	What do you understand?	How can you Obey?	How can you teach others to Obey?
John 3:16-17			

John 3:16 -17

"For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life. For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but to save the world through him.



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