

Thirteen principles

1. M to E: every person needs to believe personally in Jesus and do “mouth to ear” evangelism. Share with 5 per week.
2. Train others: every believer trains others. We are not looking for gifted church planters. Everybody should bring a group together to seek the Lord together. Leadership is the group’s decision.
3. MAWL –
 - a. Model – 1st generation. They must see it done – ie prayer, baptism, Lord’s supper etc. Modeling takes 6 months on average
 - b. Assist – 2nd generation. They come back for coaching and guidance. You occasionally attend a meeting.
 - c. Watch - Third generation – you receive reports
 - d. Leave – you are probably not present. The movement has a life of its own. You are available.
4. Multiple streams: don’t think that starting one CPM stream will reach the city. Streams needed to touch each segment of society eg business leaders, minorities, poor etc.
5. Multiple leaders: each house church should have at least two leaders. One leader leads to more dependency, heresy. One person sets themselves up as a bishop and controls – stops growth.
6. 1/3; 1/3; 1/3: How to spend time at the meeting.
 - a. 1/3 – pastoral care eg meeting needs, singing prayer
 - b. teaching new content
 - c. the group splits into small groups and teaches itself – make it relevant to them. This part tends to be skipped.
7. Participative style. The groups tend not to have one person preaching. If they do have preaching they rotate it round and have time for interaction.
8. Meet two weekly with the group – they have their own meeting the other week. After three months you might attend monthly, tapering off.
9. You move at the speed of the obedient.
10. Locally owned and operated – needs this to reproduce. Where to meet, what time etc – their problem.
11. Vision casting – spot check third and fourth generations, check vision has survived. Check elephant vs rabbit; frog vs lizard – lizard hunts prey and changes colour according to environment. Emphasize lostness – eg take to a high place and look at area. Got to see big picture otherwise they think it’s about getting through the curriculum.
12. Authority of scripture: point to relevant passages for any question. What does Bible say about an issue – eg wait a year for Baptism. There may be a reason but the Bible doesn’t do it.
13. Mid level training. After 3 or 4 generations apostolic leaders will start to emerge. They will burn out or go off course if not taught. Every three months pull together for weekend. Bible study – bring in good Bible teacher and teach eg Ephesians or Jonah. Problem solve – develops good network of key people.