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Training Unit 47

Multiplication – multiplication principles

In this 47th lesson, we want to look at the following different multiplication principles:

- 222 = 2 Timothy 2:2
- Exponential growth
- Elephants and rabbits
- Make disciples of all peoples – everyone can win the whole world
- Multiplication on all levels

222 — 2 Timothy 2:2

The secret of a movement is that the disciples directly pass on what they have received.

2 Timothy 2:2

And the things you have heard me say in the presence of many witnesses entrust to reliable people who will also be qualified to teach others.

Paul mentions four multiplication levels here:

1. Paul
2. Timothy
3. Reliable people
4. Others

That is why four multiplication levels or four generations define a movement today. There is something like a critical point. Once this point is reached, the dynamics of a movement typically can't be stopped anymore. This critical point is reached once the multiplication produces

- 1,000 disciples in
- 100 house churches in the
- 4th generation.

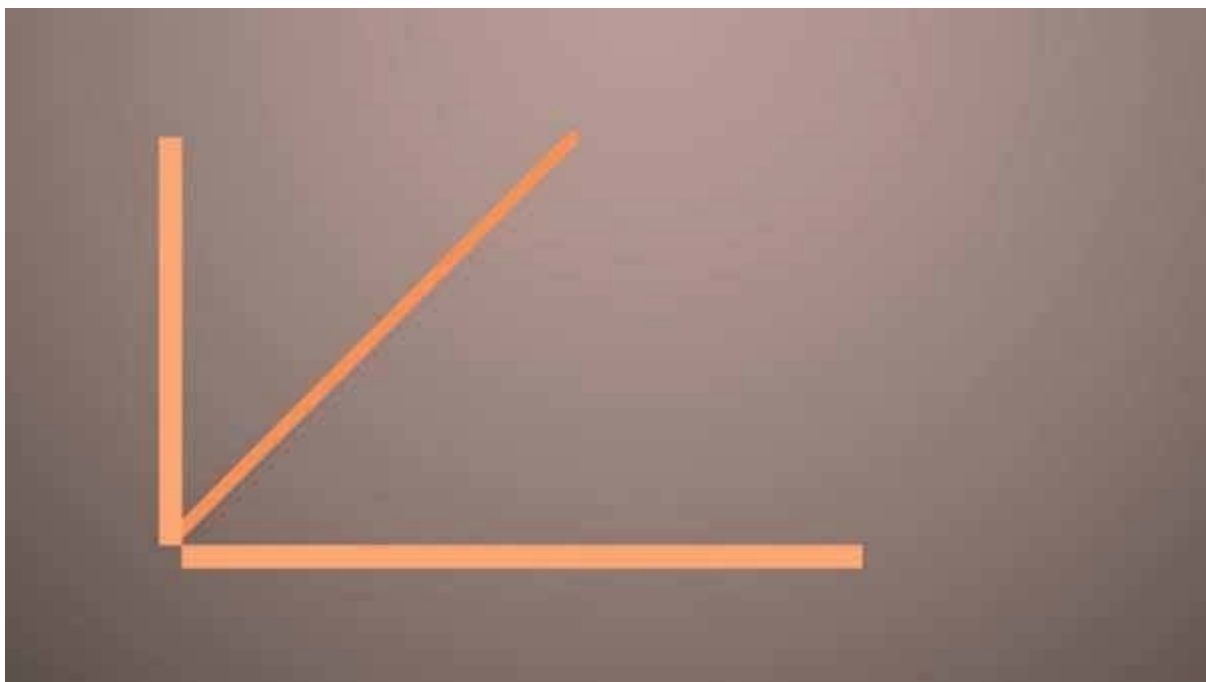
This is the definition of a DMM. It is a breathtaking phenomenon to see the Holy Spirit creating such movements everywhere in the world.



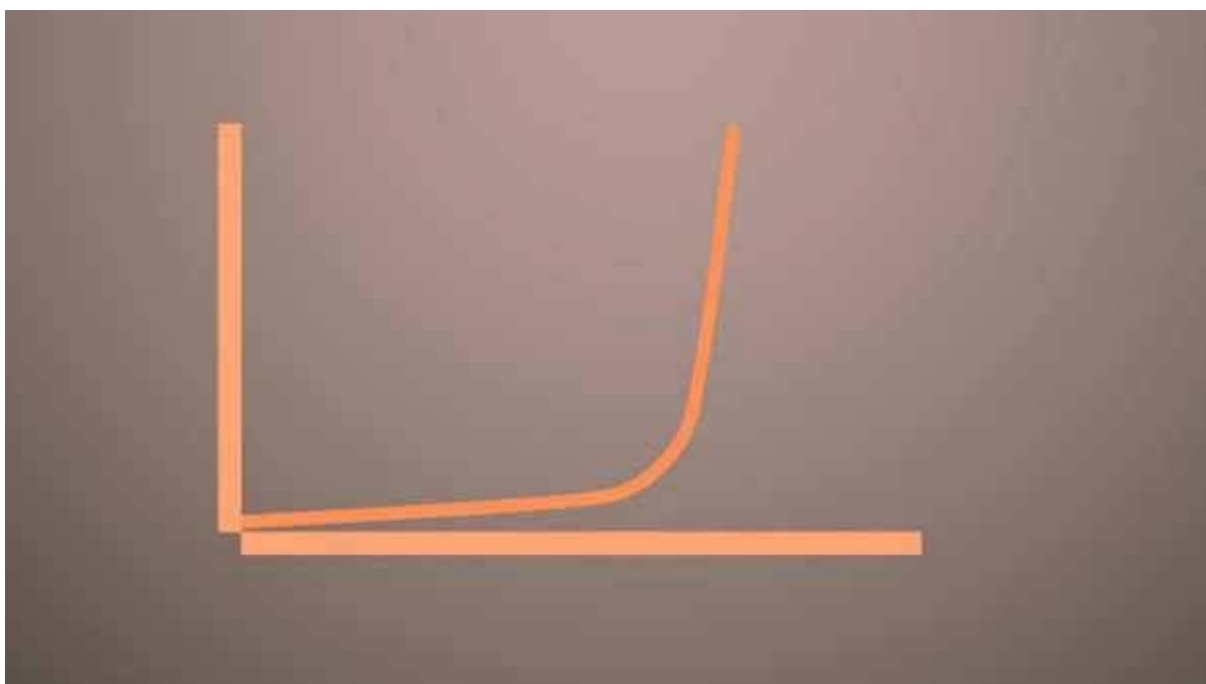
Exponential growth

There is a so-called linear or additive growth. This happens when people are added step by step. However, there is also exponential or explosive growth. The secret to this explosive growth is that real disciples make disciples of others who again make disciples of even more people. Growth from multiplication.

When new believers are added to the church but not disciplined and therefore do not pass on what they have received, then this is “**only**” addition. This is additive growth and there is a linear growth curve. It increases steadily.

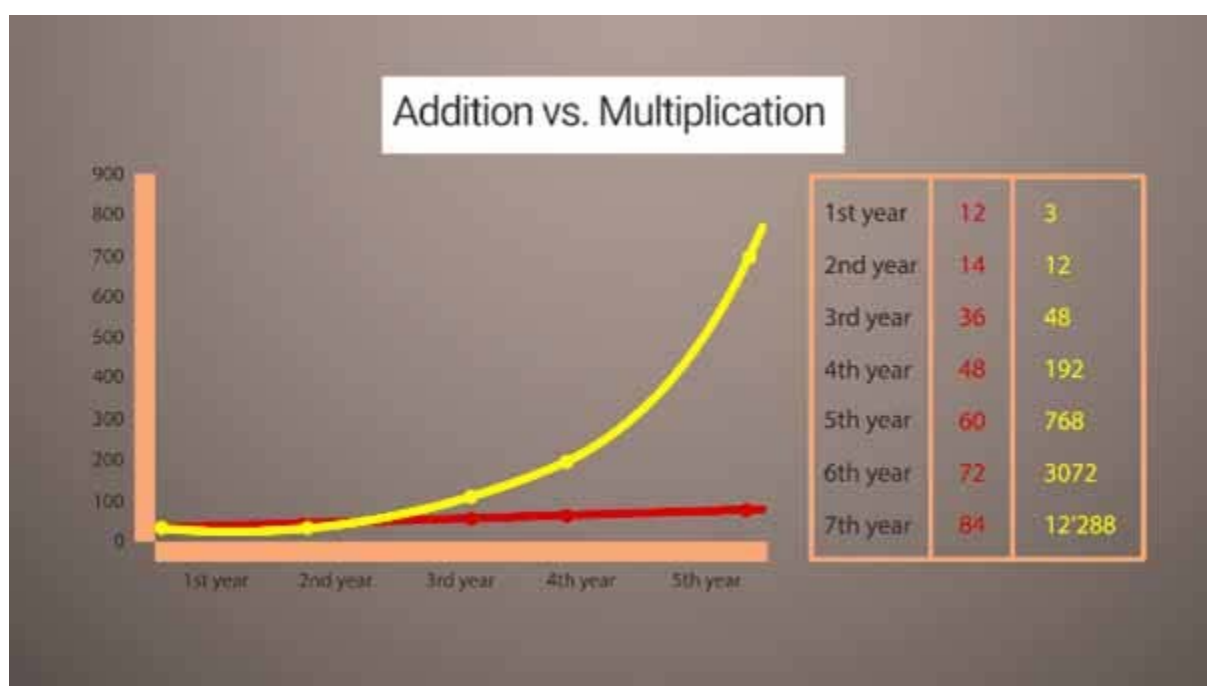


However, multiplicative growth functions like exponential growth. The growth curve looks different here.



It is interesting that the exponential curve grows slower than the linear growth curve at the beginning. One invests a lot of time to train the first disciples, but then they start to disciple others who disciple even more. Generation after generation reproduces.

Between the 5th and the 7th multiplication level there is suddenly an explosive boost. The right foundation is required for an exponential boost to happen. At first, much patience is needed to invest in disciples so that they are so excited that they themselves would invest in others with joy and not out of a sense of obligation.



God loves lots of fruit.

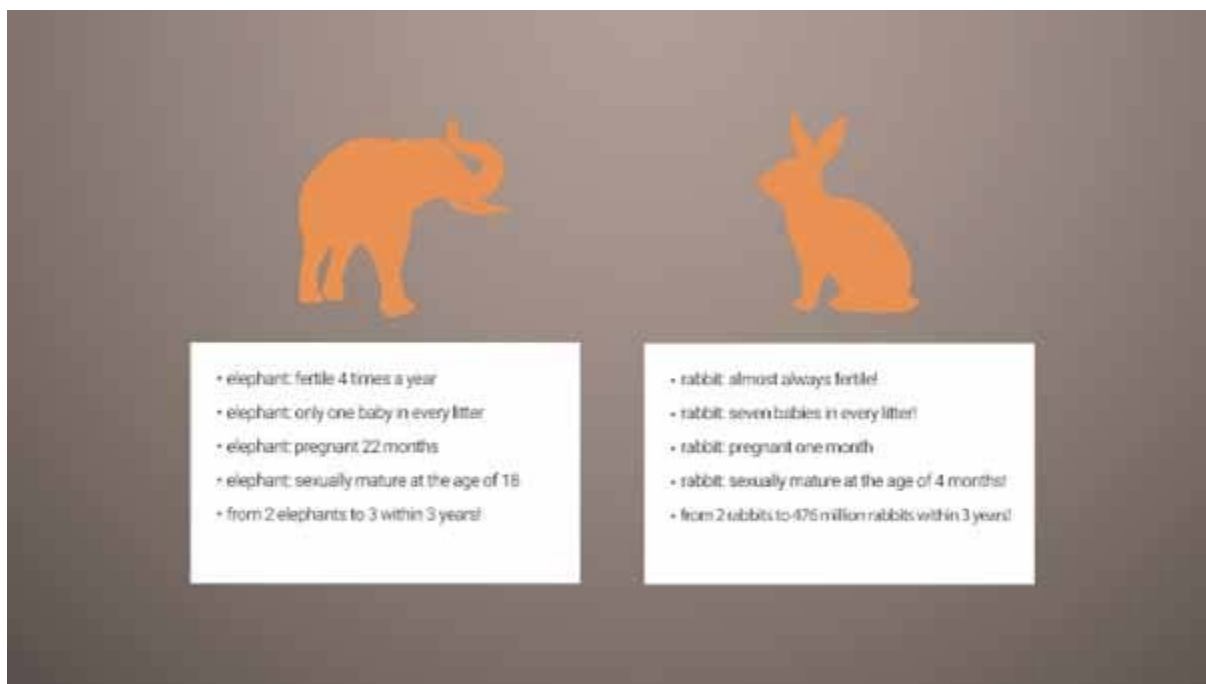
John 15:2-16

He cuts off every branch in me that bears no fruit, while every branch that does bear fruit he prunes so that it will be even more fruitful. (...) If you remain in me and I in you, you will bear much fruit; apart from me you can do nothing. (...) You did not choose me, but I chose you and appointed you so that you might go and bear fruit—fruit that will last—and so that whatever you ask in my name the Father will give you.

Lots of fruit, more fruit, fruit that will last!

Elephants or rabbits

There is an instructive example from nature that nicely illustrates the difference between linear and exponential growth: the reproduction rate of elephants and rabbits.



What is the rabbit's secret?

- Rabbits are almost always ready for multiplication.
- Rabbits begin multiplying earlier.
- Rabbits multiply one group at once.
- Rabbits need less time for multiplication.

The key to every multiplication movements is thorough discipleship! That is why the Lord told his disciples at the end: "Make disciples!"

Everyone can win the whole world!

The first Christians in Jerusalem lived multiplicative discipleship. The Gospel spread at a breathtaking pace from there to the former Roman Empire. The reason for this expansion was multiplicative growth.

In Paul's letters, we often read about his disciples. He obviously made disciples in a multiplicative way, unlike Peter. It is assumed that the church in Jerusalem and in Israel almost died out in the course of church history because Peter focused less on multiplication.

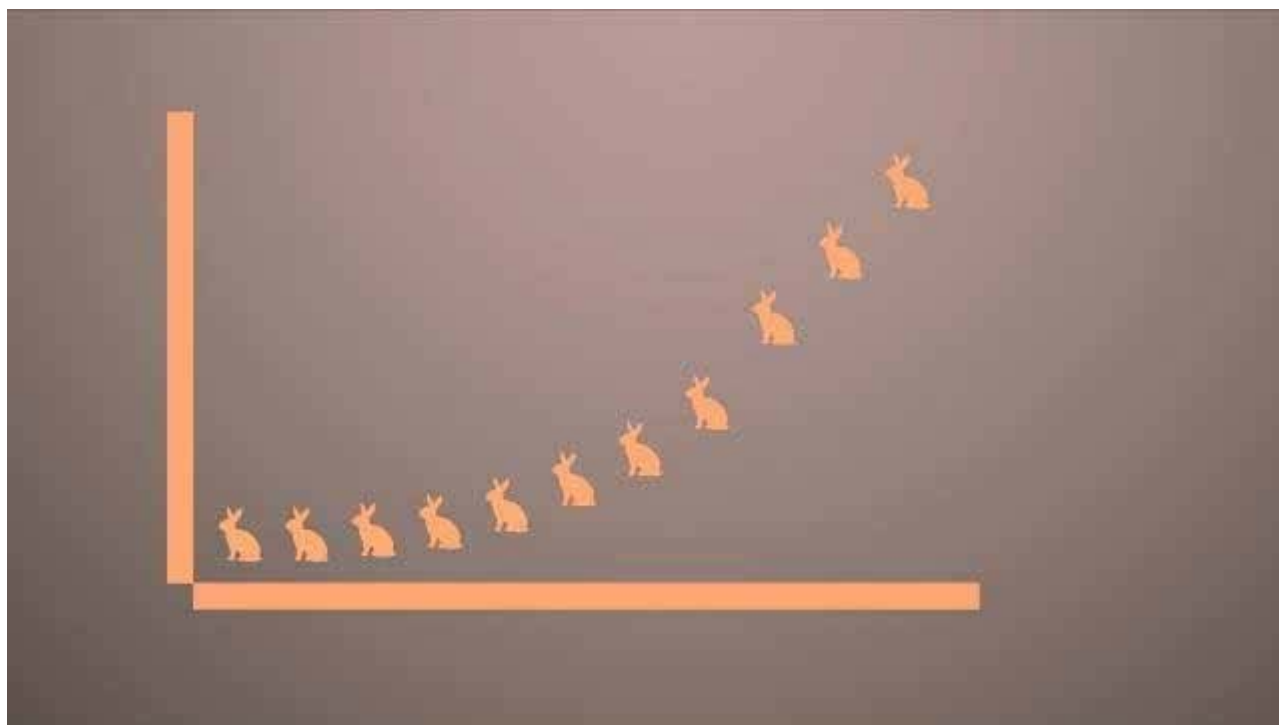
Everyone can win the whole world. If a couple would invest itself exclusively into multiplicative discipleship between age 20 and 65 (having 45 strong years feely available), it could really win almost the whole world.

Illustration: You make **5 disciples** in 3 years' time – then all makes 5 disciples in the next 3 years and so The fruit in 45 years -OR you make only **4 disciples** in 3 years 😊

1-3	years	$1 + 5 = 6$ // $1 + 4 = 5$
4-6	years	$6 \times 5 = 30 + 6$ // $5 \times 4 = 20 + 5$
7-9	years	$36 \times 5 = 180 + 36$ // $25 \times 4 = 100 + 25$
10-12	years	$216 \times 5 = 1'080 + 216$ // $125 \times 4 = 500 + 125$
13-15	years	$1'296 \times 5 = 6'480 + 1'296$ // $625 \times 4 = 2500 + 625$
16-18	years	$7'776 \times 5 = 38'880 + 7'776$ // $3125 \times 4 = 12'500 + 3125$
19-21	years	$46'656 \times 5 = 233'280 + 46'656$ // $15'625 \times 4 = 62'500 + 15'625$
22-24	years	$279'936 \times 5 = 1'399'680 + 279'936$ // $78'125 \times 4 = 312'500 + 78'125$
25-27	years	$1'679'616 \times 5 = 8'398'080 + 1'679'616$ // $390'625 \times 4 = 1'562'500 + 390'625$

28-30 years $10'077'696 \times 5 = 50'388'480 + 10'077'696 // 1'953'125 \times 4 = 7'812'500 + 1'953'125$
 31-33 years $60'466'176 \times 5 = 302'330'880 + 60'466'176 // 9'765'625 \times 4 = 48'828'125 + 9'765'625$
 34-36 years $362'797'056 \times 5 = 1'813'985'280 + 362'797'056 // 58'593'750 \times 4 = 234'375'000 + 58'593'750$
 37-39 years $2'176'782'336 \times 5 = 10'883'911'680 + 2'176'782'336 // 292'968'750 \times 4 = 1'171'875'000 + 292'968'750$
 40-42 years $13'060'694'016 \times 5 = 65'303'470'080 + 13'060'694'016 // 1'464'843'750 \times 4 = 5'859'357'000 + 1'464'843'750$
 43-45 years $78'364'164'096 \times 5 = 391'820'820'480 + 78'364'164'096 = 470'184'984'576$
 $7'324'200'750 \times 4 = 29'296'803'000 + 7'324'200'750 = 36'621'003'750$

One individual could theoretically fulfill the discipleship commandment alone through multiplicative discipleship.



John 7:38

Whoever believes in me, as Scripture has said, rivers of living water will flow from within them!



If we start to make disciples, who make disciples themselves, this is like a stream that never stops to flow. We can also start again and again. In this way we become springs of discipleship that do not cease to flow. Even after we die, these streams will continue to flow. This certainly is the best way to invest our lives. ¹

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Multiplication on all levels

Our vision is to start DMMs amongst all unreached peoples. This happens on two different levels:

- On the one hand, by planting self-reproducing discipleship amongst the unreached.
- On the other hand, by planting self-reproducing discipleship churches – spiritual families and networked house churches – together with the disciples.

Note

- The Holy Spirit started up such discipleship movements worldwide in a sovereign and mighty way. Most of these movements were started in Asia (for example in India or China). Many were also started in Africa or South America. Sadly, there are comparatively only few like them in the Western world (Europe, North America, Australia).
- Many of these movements developed in the high religions (Hinduism, Islam, Buddhism). Some of these movements are huge, with hundreds of thousands of disciples.
- What stands out is that none of these movements conform to the program church type (regular meetings in one place, pastor, Sunday church service). This kind of church cannot produce a movement. The big, new movements function almost entirely according to the model of the house church and networked house church, with the exception of some cell group churches that reproduce themselves.

Our vision is to plant

- Self-reproducing discipleship
- Self-reproducing discipleship churches
- Movements

The basic principle is:

2 Timothy 2:2

And the things you have heard me say in the presence of many witnesses entrust to reliable people who will also be qualified to teach others.

When we speak of multiplication in terms of natural birth (conception and birth of a child), then not only is a new life born, the DNA of the parents is also passed on. There should not only be quantitative (numerical) multiplication but also qualitative multiplication.

Through quantitative multiplication, new followers of Jesus are won and new leaders are trained.

Through qualitative multiplication we multiply

- the 16 discipleship topics
- the 12 core values of a spiritual family
- the 5 qualifications of leaders – sent ones, elders, deacons
 1. Maturity in marriage
 2. Maturity in family
 3. Maturity in character
 4. Maturity in life
 5. Ability to teach

The key to every qualitative multiplication movement is:

- A thorough discipleship
- A healthy spiritual family that lives out the 12 values
- A leadership that shows maturity in these 5 areas

Multiplication – each according to its kind

- Disciples bring forth new disciples
- Spiritual families bring forth spiritual families
- Networked house churches bring forth networked house churches
- Teams of sent ones bring forth more teams of sent ones
- Elders bring forth more elders
- Deacons bring forth more deacons
- The five-fold ministry brings forth new five-fold ministries

Vision of a firework at night

A rocket launches into the sky at night and explodes. Out of the first exploding rocket, a second one launches and explodes, followed by a third and fourth and so on, until the whole night sky is lit up. This is the same for a sending that multiplies itself. At the end, we see multiplication on all levels which bring the light of the Kingdom of God to a dark place.

Part II: Application

- a) Someone from the group summarizes this teaching in his own words. If anything is missing, the others can add to the summary.

b) Group discussion

c) Write down personal insights from the teaching

d) Share with your group, which are your main disciples and the key people for multiplication that you want to send out.

- e) Each group presents what they learned and the specific goals they want to pursue now: (outreach/group meeting).

Part III: Outreach

Prayer (4 hours/week), going (4 hours/week), discipleship (4 hours/week), community of faith (3 hours/week).

1. PRAYING:
 - A) Prayer walk with a partner or the team for 2 hours every week ☐
 - B) Pray 1 hour for your disciples before every discipleship meeting ☐
 - C) Pray 1 hour before every community meeting ☐
2. GO: to the unreached you have a heart for ☐
3. Look for persons of peace ☐
4. PREACH: the gospel of the Kingdom of God ☐
5. EXPLAINING: the way of salvation ☐
6. Evangelistic Bible studies with interested people ☐
7. Share your personal testimony with five other people ☐
8. Call to repentance and to follow Jesus ☐
9. FAITH, REPENTANCE, BAPTISM AND RECEIVING THE HOLY SPIRIT ☐
10. Pray for sick people during an outreach ☐
11. Raise a dead person if you are led to do so ☐
12. Seek to hear God's voice and the guidance of the Holy Spirit ☐
13. Pray for the 200 million persecuted Christians in the world, pray for your "persecutors" and bless those who are cursing you. ☐

- 14. Continue to teach all 16 lessons to the discipleship group and coach them in it ☐
- 15. Continue to train leaders of networked house churches ☐
- 16. Appoint your main disciples and the key people for multiplication that you want to send out. Invest yourself especially into these multipliers. ☐
- 17. Decide with whom you want to share and practice these principles of multiplication. Do it NOW! ☐

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