

The 3-Step Formula for Multiplication

"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." 2 Timothy 2:2

What qualifies someone to teach others? Advanced biblical training? Theological degrees? Titles?

Anyone can teach.

"When they saw the courage of Peter and John and realized that they were unschooled, ordinary men, they were astonished and they took note that these men had been with Jesus." Acts 4:13

One of the major reasons why we are not seeing multiplication in our churches is because we are teaching people to do what we think **they need to do** instead of what **we ourselves are doing**.

STEP 1: Figure Out What You Are Doing

Recently, in an effort to equip our preachers to write sermon series, **I had to sit down and figure out the process I followed** to write sermon series. Something I had been doing for years needed to be translated **so that someone else could do what I had been doing**. That is, if I wanted to share the wealth.

STEP 2: Name It

Put down the process in terms that someone can understand.

STEP 3: Share It

Give it away. Paul tells young Timothy to "entrust it" to reliable people. Let others try. Show them what you wrote down. Better yet, show them, let them watch you. Then, let them try, and you watch.

Here's the thing I'm learning about multiplication: **everything can be taught using this 3-step Formula**.

Here's a rapid-fire-off-the-top-of-my-head list: Managing finances (at church and at home), praying out loud, having a "quiet time", engaging in conversations with strangers, riding a bike, choosing healthy foods at the grocery store, exercising, setting the table (at church and at home), cleaning up after dinner (at church and at home), reading the Bible, preaching, teaching, running a backyard VBS, video editing, worship leading, being able to recognize how God is working, prayer walking, serving in the community, sales, cooking...

Now, an assignment: Name one area in your leadership (at church or at home) today that you would like to give away/ share with someone else. Once you've identified it, try out the three step formula.

1) Figure out what you are doing.

2) Name it.

3) Share it.