

# Keys to Kingdom Growth

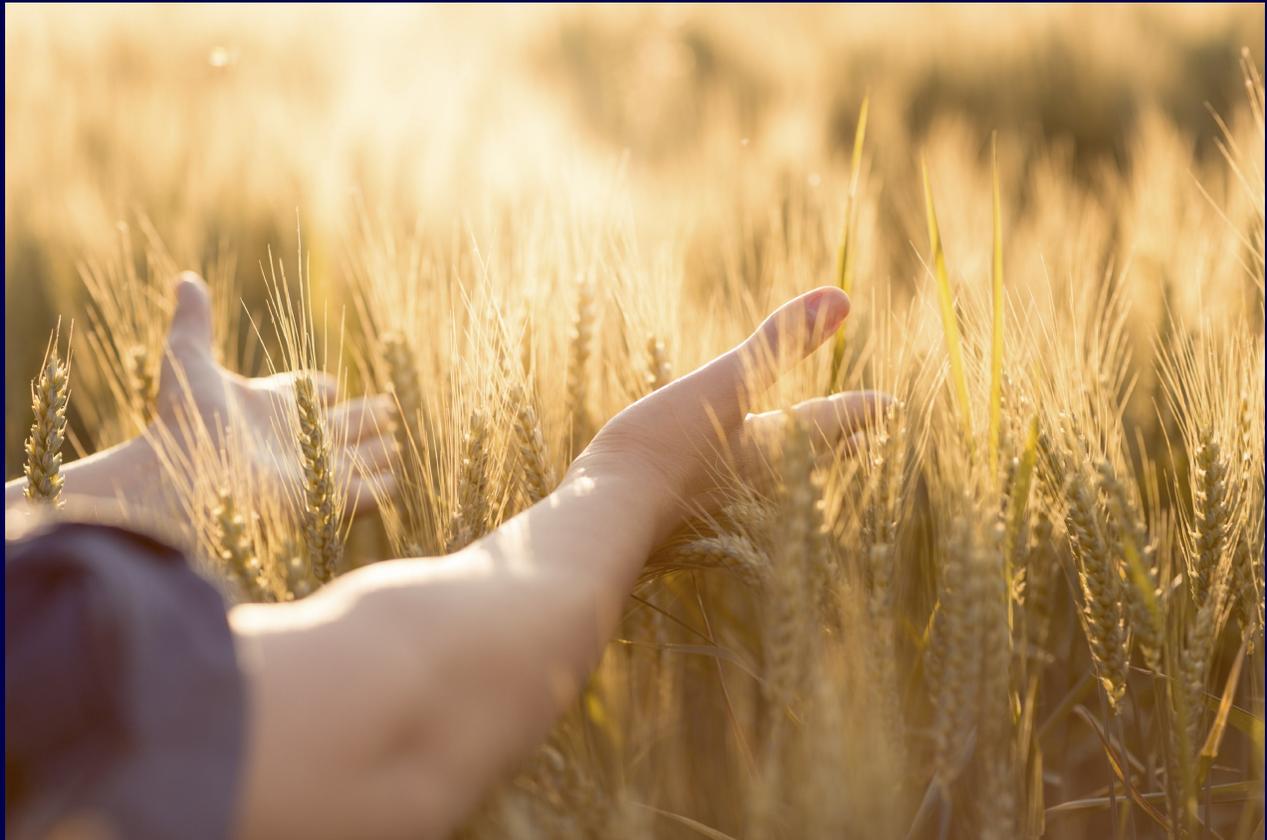
Evangelism replication/doctrinal grounding. Christian inclusion/love and hospitality.



There is a saying, “Give a person a fish, you feed him for a day, teach a person to fish, you feed him for a lifetime.” But does it apply to literal fishing alone? Jesus said to those He called, to “Come follow me and I will make you fishers of men.” Matthew 4:19 Our Lord taught them a soul saving skill that could be used for a lifetime. Jesus spent His ministry preparing His disciples to teach. (Matthew 11:1-5) And the last words Christ said, before His Ascension was this... “Go into all the world, preach the Gospel...teaching them all I have commanded you.” Matthew 28:18-20

But notice He said, “teaching all I have commanded you, after He said “Go, preach, gospel”.

World evangelism, does mean funding preachers overseas, or using methods you know like sharing the Bible on Facebook and other means, but chiefly it is about equipping church members and new converts, by teaching them to teach! AS Christ prepared the Apostles and Disciples in His day, we are expected to share/entrust/teach to reliable people, who will teach others. “The things which you have heard from me in the presence of many witnesses, entrust these to faithful men who will be able to teach others also.” 2 Timothy 2:2



We need to seek such opportunities. And pray to the Lord.

Luke 10:2 “He told them, “The harvest is plentiful, but the workers are few. Ask the Lord of the harvest, therefore, to send out workers into his harvest field.”

The church grew in that day, after it’s establishment, because the followers of Christ, followed Christ. Which was His chief desire and aim to save the lost. (John 4:35-38). If we are to grow the church as members of Christ’s Body, we must follow the same NT pattern given us. Self accountability and responsibility is a absolute in embracing this concept.

What the church members did that facilitated spiritual/physical church growth in the NT.

- ◆ Active in Evangelism Jude 23
- ◆ Strong in Doctrine Ephesians 4 :12-16
- ◆ Strong in individual Christian hospitality 1 Peter 4:9
- ◆ Strong in congregational attendance/love/encouragement Hebrews 10 :24-25
- ◆ Using the members of the body in acts of worship and service Romans 12 :3-8
- ◆ Removing the leaven that corrupts the body 1 Corinthians 5 :1-12  
(Especially false teachers who destroy souls Acts 20:28-31)