

## I. Eight weeks prior to multiplication:

- Talk to your LifeGroup about the vision and purpose for multiplication
- Explain the purpose for multiplication:
  - Greater intimacy with one another (facilitated by smaller group size);
  - Room for expansion (for new believers and interested visitors to church);
  - More ministry opportunities (leadership, leading worship, using your gifts)
- Ask your members to begin praying about which LifeGroup the Lord would have them be in
- Encourage your members that:
  - They are able to hear God's voice – they are sheep who know the Shepherd's voice.
  - God has a will for them and will let them know through prayer.
  - The plan God has for them is for their continued growth and destiny.
  - Multiplication is NOT saying goodbye to friends who go to the other LifeGroup
- Start praying for the multiplication with your intern(s)
- Inform your Zone Leader/Coach (on LifeGroup report or by phone) that you have begun the multiplication process.
- Remind your LifeGroup each week to be in prayer and continue to cast vision

## II. Six weeks prior to multiplication

- LifeGroup Leader and intern reach agreement on proposed composition of each new LifeGroup.
- Consider life stage, children, special mentoring/discipling relationships, spiritual health issues (EGRs), giftedness, and other spiritual needs.

## III. Four weeks prior to multiplication

- LifeGroup Leader/Intern contact members individually and share the LifeGroup they are proposing the member join at multiplication and their rationale.
- LifeGroup Leader/Intern ask the member to share their sense of what LifeGroup they should be in.
- LifeGroup Leader/Intern affirm areas where there is agreement.
- Where members have a different opinion of what LifeGroup they should be in, the LifeGroup Leader/Intern explains the rationale of their suggestion and asks the member to consider their proposal and get back with them within a week's time.
- LifeGroup Leader or Intern reminds the member that it is their desire to seek together the heart of God in this matter and that they will not force a member to join a LifeGroup against their will.
- Special cases or exceptions need to be discussed with the Coach.

## IV. Three weeks prior to multiplication

- LifeGroup meets together for Welcome/Worship, and then separates into two LifeGroups for the Word/Works portions of LifeGroup.

## V. Last meeting prior to multiplication

- Celebrate! Have a party!
- Invite your Zone Servant/Coach for prayer and special commissioning.
- Set a date for a LifeGroup reunion.
- Inform the LifeGroup Office of the leadership/membership of the two LifeGroups.
- Continue to pray for the growth and maturity of the other group and they should do the same for you.