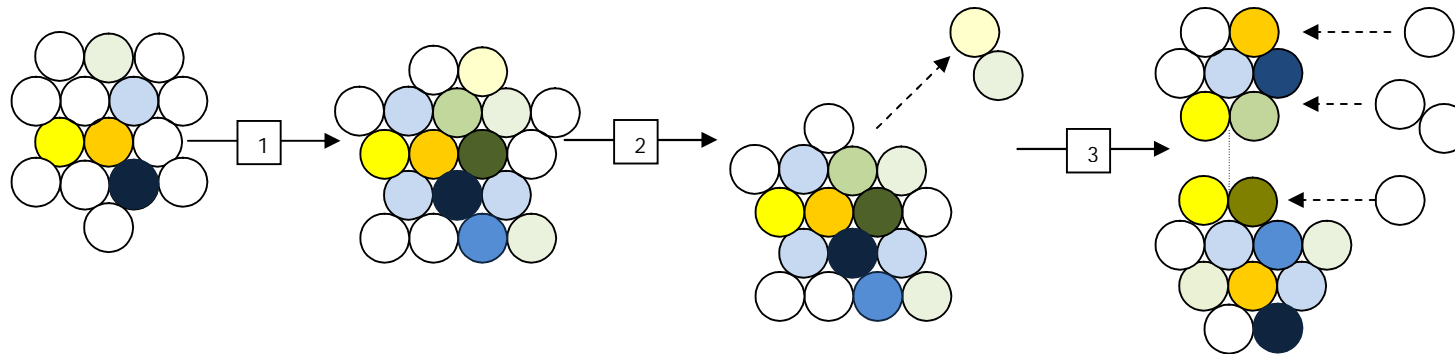


Growing → Multiplying → Planting



1. Reaching Pre-planting Stage (15-18)

Once an MC reaches 15 members it has reached the Pre-planting Stage. There are several reasons for this. Usually past 15...

- You lose equal group participation.
- You begin to exceed what most living rooms can seat comfortably.
- You become ingrown as the group size dictates attention away from a Missional focus.

It is vital at this point that you begin preparing your group for "Planting" using language intentionally to communicate that we are not "splitting" or "dividing"

2. Identifying & Cultivating Missionality

Identifying Leaders: Our church is modeled on the 3 offices Christ came to perfectly fulfill. Within each group there will be Prophets (Blue) who take the role of elders who teach. Emphasis = Gospel Proclamation. Priest (Green) who show empathy and care for emotional concerns. Emphasis = Gospel Renewal, and 3rd.. Kings (Yellow) who act as deacons, doing acts of mercy and showing compassion to the. Emphasis = Gospel Mission.

Cultivating Gifts: Through mentoring relationships and classes, people are allowed to both succeed and fail in a loving community.

3. Expecting the Spirit to work in and through Community

As our communities gather ordinary people doing ordinary things with gospel intentionality, we should both pray for and expect the Spirit to work among us.

Asking for Wisdom: As your MC reaches 18-20 you should begin to pray for wisdom, guidance, and direction in earnest.

Organic Cues: Like those who disbelieved Peter stood at the door (Acts 12) we can often pray without faith. When the right time to plant comes we can expect the spirit to use organic cues or natural signs.

- Major life changes (i.e. – having a baby,)
- Mercy opportunities arising
- People moving into areas of the city your MC hoped or needed to plant anyway.

4. Planting a new community

Most groups will not divide equally, and that's ok, provided that the new plant has an intentional apostolic team (Blue, Green, Yellow).

Connection: Continued training & development of movement leaders is maintained. Common Mercy ministry and connect events can make the transition a joy rather than a burden.

Exponential Growth: Once each reaches the pre-planting stage growth will be exponential. Either both replicating or combining old original members from each group to create a 3rd. Once there are 3 -4 groups working together missionally in a given community you now have a core group that can provide a viable Church Plant with leaders developed organically from within MC's.