

## Lesson 10: PRINCIPLES OF MULTIPLYING DISCIPLES

### Learning Objectives:

- Jesus uses many parables about farming, and fruit, and growth. We need to learn from these organic examples.
- Jesus' parables illustrate many of the same DMM principles we have discussed in this training (but maybe we've not seen them before).
- What we're "learning" today is actually not new at all. As Aychi says, "DMM is a new technology that is 2,000 years old."

### 1) Review: Parables of the Kingdom of God

Spread the following 10 verses evenly among the trainees. Have each person/group write down principles they see that can apply to DMM from each parable:

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| 1. Matthew 7:24-27  | 6. Matthew 13:44-46 |
| 2. Matthew 13: 3-9  | 7. Matthew 25: 1-13 |
| 3. Matthew 13:24-30 | 8. Matthew 25:14-30 |
| 4. Matthew 13:31-32 | 9. Luke 14:28-33    |
| 5. Matthew 13:33    | 10. Luke 18:1-8     |

Here are a few ideas of what they may find:

- Obedience is the main thing, not knowing information. (house built on rock)
- Only some of those who hear the news of the kingdom of God will respond positively and bear fruit. (sower)
- The Lord desires multiplication. (sower)
- We can't always tell who are/ aren't God's children. (wheat & tares)
- Spiritual warfare is a part of the process of sowing and reaping. (wheat & tares)
- A small start can result in a great movement. (mustard seed)
- We mix the invisible elements of multiplication ministry with hope and planning that a DMM will happen. (yeast)
- Value of the kingdom will lead believers to give all to follow Him. (treasure in the field)
- We need to be ready to boldly sacrifice for the Lord, and so do the new believers. (hidden treasure; pearl of great price)
- We must take risks to see results. (talents)
- Not all Persons of Peace will bring forth the same fruit. (talents)
- Don't be surprised if some of the people in whom you invest don't endure to the end. (king/tower/tares)
- Knowing Jesus will return soon, we must be diligent, with the end in mind. (10 virgins)
- Prayer must be serious and long-term (persistent widow)

2) **Exercise:** The group has been asked to feed a village that is running out of water and land. Estimates are in 3 years they will face starvation. Should they give them 2 adult elephants or 2 infant rabbits?

Elephants	Rabbits
Only fertile four times per year.	Practically continuously fertile.
Only one baby per pregnancy.	Average of seven babies per pregnancy.
22 month gestation period.	1 month gestation period.
Sexual maturity: 18 years.	Sexual maturity: 4 months.
3 years: 2 elephants become 3	3 years: 2 become 50,653
3 years – 12,000 kilos	3 years – 300,000 kilos
3 years: 2 elephants are still 3	5 years: 2 become 69 million
5 years – 13,000 kilos	5 years – 420 million kilos

Elephant churches are strong and helpful, but they reproduce so slowly that we need more rabbit churches to truly reach the world.

### 3) Character Study: Barnabas

Planning to be a DMM Catalyst (Learning from Barnabas)

Many look to the Apostle Paul as the quintessential cross-cultural worker. The reality is that either in terms of gifting or strategic effectiveness (or both), most of us will probably be more effective in a catalytic role like Barnabas than Paul. Maybe instead of aspiring to be like Paul, we should aspire to be like Barnabas and look for a “Paul” (especially if we’re living in radically cross-cultural situations).

In small groups, read the following texts together and see what God might teach you about how to be an effective catalyst. Make two lists:

1. What can we discern about Barnabas’ character?
2. What are the key roles Barnabas played?

Then consider key lessons useful for us who are seeking to catalyze DMMs..

Acts 4:36-37

Acts 9:27

Acts 11:22-30

Acts 12:25

Acts 13:1-3, 6-13; 42-52

Acts 14:11-20

Acts 15:1-2, 12

Acts 15:22-26, 35-39

Gal 2:1, 13

1 Cor 9:6

Col 4:10; 2 Tim 4:11

Some things you may have discovered about Barnabas’ character:

- Full of Spirit
- Respected
- Humble
- Generous
- Credible
- Willing to travel, not a complainer
- “a good man”, and “a dear friend”
- Discerning
- Comfortable to release others for ministry
- Sinful
- Capable of hypocrisy

Some things you may discover about Barnabas' role that we can DO:

- Fast, pray, worship
- Take risks on scary people
- Sacrifice our own ministry for others
- Connect key people from one city to another
- Travel to preach, connect, encourage, appoint elders, bring aid
- Advocate for key people
- Model ministry to others including teaching & preaching
- See and develop others potential & capacity
- Evaluate and discern movements
- Encourage faithfulness in others
- Share authority
- Work for cash when necessary to keep going
- Give 2nd chance to people (John Mark)
- Submit as much as possible and be respectful to leaders
- Disciple and mentor others (John Mark, Paul, others)

#### 4) Take Action:

1. Take 10 minutes to pray through the lists you have made and ask God:
  - a. if there's any area of character in which He would like to grow you, to become more like Barnabas.
  - b. for some specific things He would like you to do, to become more effective as a "Barnabas."
2. Write at least one "I will" statement, and
  - a. write who you will share this "I will" statement with and ask them to hold you accountable.
  - b. write the date on which you plan to evaluate yourself – how well you have accomplished this action.

#### 5) Synthesis - Distribute the last page (DMM Critical Elements).

- In groups, read each principle one-by-one and discuss what it means and why it might be true.
- Make sure to talk about if / how these critical elements line up with Biblical principles.

**Hand Gesture:** Ask how could you summarize the main teaching of this lesson with a body movement or hand gesture? Have all participants stand up and do the gesture together. (Example for Lesson 10 – Mime reaching backwards to put your arm behind someones back and bring them beside you, then after a pause put both hands as if on their shoulders and put them in front of you.) Now do all the gestures in order for all the lessons so far starting with lesson 1.

Some work until the next training session:

**Fieldwork:** Make sure you keep looking for PoPs through your Shema lifestyle. Make sure you go out at least once with your partner to pray and look for PoPs. If anyone shows interest invite them and their group to start a discovery group.

**Memorize:** Matthew 13:23

**Prayerwork:** Pray through the various verses on Barnabas this week and ask God to work in your life in line with these verses. Pray that God will lead to your “Paul”(s).

## *DMM Strategy based on DMM Critical Elements*

### **GOD has a VISION for our People**

**so we reproduce PRAYER and EVANGELISM  
for reproducing DISCIPLES, CHURCHES, LEADERS so that all can hear.**

*Acts 19:10 This continued on for two years, so that everyone who lived in Asia, both Jews and Greeks, heard the word of the Lord Jesus.*

#### God

1. God is the initiator of DMMs – they are His work and for His Glory (Habakkuk 2:14; Ephesians 3:20-21)
2. The Holy Spirit is the *Author, Equipper, and Empowerer* of DMMs (Acts 1:8)
3. Scripture is the foundation of all beliefs and practices (2 Timothy 3:16-17)

#### Vision

4. God gives His vision for reaching a UPG/city/tribe/nation to a person/team (Acts 19:10)
5. Vision is shared and co-laborers are raised up (initially outsiders, but the main harvest force is inside the unreached group – and the outsiders must help the **insiders reproduce vision casting**)

#### Prayer

6. Relationship with God is primary (personal and team) (Matthew 22:37)
7. Prayer and fasting for the lost is foundational (Luke 10:2)
8. Spiritual Warfare is necessary (Ephesians 6:12)

**Reproduction of intercessors is key**

#### Evangelism

9. Ministry creates access for evangelism
10. Use the access to find Persons of Peace (Matthew 10, Luke 9, Luke 10)
11. Share in truth and power (“Kingdom of God is near” and “Heal the sick”) (Luke 10:9)
12. Use culturally-appropriate evangelism (1 Corinthians 9:19-23)
13. Evangelize Oikos’ (households and relational networks) as your main focus (Luke 10:5-8)

**Help them begin reproducing immediately**

#### Discipleship

14. Disciple lost people/oikos' to commitment to Christ
15. Teach them to love Jesus and obey His commands (Deuteronomy 6:4-9, John 14:15, Matthew 28:20)
16. Group Process: help the group learn together and share leadership and accountability
17. Persecution is normal and prepared for (John 15:20, Luke 21:12-19)

**Help them begin reproducing immediately**

#### Churches

18. Churches are disciplined oikos' that becomes obeying congregations (usually meeting in homes)
19. Scripture and Holy Spirit are all they need (Acts 2:42; 1 Cor. 14:26)
20. They discern how to redeem local culture
21. They need to reach out beyond their culture/group (Mat 28:18-20)

**Help them begin reproducing immediately**

#### Leaders

22. Outside leaders model (reproducible by insiders); equip; watch; leave
23. Develop leaders through on job training (Philippians 4:9)
24. Inside leaders lead everything (and reproduce) (2 Timothy 2:2)
25. Local leaders are self-supporting (outside funds that might create dependency are avoided)

**Reproducing leaders is crucial – a DMM is really a leadership development movement**

#### Plan and Evaluate

26. Research – know and continue to learn about your people
27. Prayerfully prepare a plan of “What God will Do” for the EndVision (Acts 19:10, Romans 15:18-19)
28. Be very honest in evaluating both strengths and weaknesses and make necessary changes
29. Be accountable to God and each other

*Ephesians 3:20-21*

*Now all glory to God, who is able, through His mighty power at work within us, to accomplish infinitely more than we might ask or think. Glory to Him in the church and in Christ Jesus through all generations forever and ever! Amen.*