



**Thriving Ministry
in the Small Church**
Presenter: Rick Chromey

4 Truths about Church:

- The 200-barrier is a church growth _____ . Three in four congregations never break it. Embrace your smallness!
- A church that doesn't _____ and reproduce will eventually die. You can be smaller and still reinvent and reproduce.
- A church doesn't need to be larger than _____ to be blessed by God and effective in ministry. Smaller can be taller!
- Dynamic smaller churches (regardless of size) and growing churches (also regardless of size) nearly always have _____ ministry as a congregational priority.

SMALL IS TALL!

*He told them another parable: "The kingdom of heaven is like a mustard seed, which a man took and planted in his field. Though it is the smallest of all your seeds, yet when it grows, it is the largest of garden plants and becomes a tree, so that the birds of the air come and perch in its branches."
(Matthew 13:31-32)*

OBSTACLES THAT STUNT AND STALL GROWTH:

Volunteer Resources:

Financial Resources:

Facility Space:

Perceptions, Biases, Values and Fears:

DARE TO BE DIFFERENT!

Think Walgreens Not Wal-Mart

GROWING A SMALLER CHURCH MINISTRY

A Garden of G _____ unconditional, unbelievable, surprising

Rooted in R _____: connection, community, collaboration

Pruned by O _____: control, contribution, choice

Watered with W _____: value, vision, voice

Fertilized by L _____: enjoyment, entertainment

Protected with S _____: emotional, physical

THE G-O-D LENS

G - GRACE
SOIL CONTAMINANT: GUILT AND GIMMICKS

"For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith—and this not from yourselves, it is the gift of God—not by works, so that no one can boast." (Ephesians 2:8-9)

O - Organism
SOIL CONTAMINANT: MECHANIZATION

"He told them still another parable: "The kingdom of heaven is like yeast that a woman took and mixed into a large amount of flour until it worked all through the dough." (Matthew 13:33)

D De-centralized!
SOIL CONTAMINANT: ONE-MAN SHOW

"What then shall we say, brothers and sisters? When you come together, each of you has a hymn, or a word of instruction, a revelation, a tongue or an interpretation. Everything must be done so that the church may be built up." (I Corinthians 14:26)

Smaller church resources by Dr. Rick Chromey
*Energizing Children's Ministry In the Smaller Church,
Thriving Youth Ministry in Smaller Churches, Motivate Me!*
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Developing a Dynamic Leadership Team

Presenter: John Tasch



Objective: Discover how you can create a team of passionate, dedicated people that moves your ministry from regression to multiplication.

“Iron sharpeneth iron; so a many sharpeneth the countenance of his friend.” (Proverbs 21:17)

Sharpeneth - _____
 _____, _____, _____.

What is produced when iron comes in contact with iron?
 _____, _____, _____,
 _____, _____.

Luke 1:39 – 49, Mary entering the house of Elizabeth

Mark 5:25-34, Woman touching the hem of Jesus

Make a Difference People

Encourage me – They lift me _____

Expand me – They make me _____

Engage me – They draw me _____

Empower me – They make me _____

Human Team Machine

If you have a team of passionate, dedicated people, you have an endless source of _____.

_____ and _____ are a ministry’s greatest assets.

People support what they help _____.

How Do Godly Leaders Think?

_____ - They realize God’s vision is bigger than theirs.

_____ - They always include others.

_____ - Not satisfied with today’s success.

_____ - They want to see results and fruit.

_____ - They want to keep improving.

Are People Drawn to You?

_____ Charisma is the ability to draw people to you. Are people attracted to you? If not, it could be because you possess one of the roadblocks.

_____ - nobody will follow a leader who thinks he is better than everyone else.

_____ - If you are uncomfortable with who you are, others will be too.

_____ - If people never know what to expect from you, they stop expecting anything.

_____ - people respect the desire for excellence, but dread unrealistic expectations.

_____ - people don’t want to be afraid around you.

A Leader’s Most Important Words

5 most important words - _____

4 most important words - _____

3 most important words - _____

2 most important words - _____

1 most important word - _____

How To Move Your Ministry From Regression To Multiplication

The wrong person in the wrong place =

The wrong person in the right place =

(The job needs to be done, but the person is not doing it.)

The right person in the wrong place =

(You have a sharp, gifted person, but they are not effective.)

The right person in the right place =

The right people in the right place =



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Presenter: Beth Guckenberger



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