

8 Relationships

For if either of them falls, the one will lift up his companion. But woe to the one who falls when there is not another to lift him up.— Ecclesiastes 4:10 NASB

If a newcomer does not make seven friends in the first year, it is not likely they will be there the second year. Keep in mind 85% of inactives drop out during that second year. The friendship factor is the most influential part of the growth mix. Consider having us help you with one of our seminars with this.

9 Evangelism Training

... Always be prepared to give an answer to everyone who asks you to give the reason for the hope that you have. ... — 1 Peter 3:15 NIV

Even someone with the spiritual gift of evangelism can use training in evangelism. The best training will include on the job training, but a variety of training opportunities should be made available. We would love to help with this. With my experience as an ex-Mormon, I would love to come do a Loving Mormons to Christ workshop for you.

10 Personal Growth

For though by this time you ought to be teachers, you have need again for someone to teach you the elementary principles of the oracles of God, and you have come to need milk and not solid food. For everyone who partakes only of milk is not accustomed to the word of righteousness, for he is an infant. But solid food is for the mature, who because of practice have their senses trained to discern good and evil. — Hebrews 5:12-14 NASB

If your growth mix is balanced with these essentials, your members will experience personal growth as well as numerical growth. You may even be interested in our Christian Essentials training materials. I wrote this for Idlewild Baptist Church and teach it there. It is a great way to see changed lives.

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Visit our *i*Library for resources and check out our services. Consider inviting us to do one of our workshops or help you with evangelism, outreach, and church growth needs.

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Essential Church Growth Principles



Church Growth Associates

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1 Trusting Christ

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In this scripture we see four very important things to remember about the church.

1. The church belongs to Christ
2. It is His desire for the church to grow
3. There will be resistance to the growth
4. Christ will build His Church

2 Vision

Where there is no vision, the people are unrestrained, ... — Proverbs 29:18 NASB

Vision is a very important component in your church growth mix. Your church should have a mission purpose statement, and everything that the church does should center around that objective. Only about 3% of the churches in the United States have a plan. If you need help with these issues, check out the free help in our [iLibrary](#).

3 Creating Doors

I have become all things to all men, so that I may by all means save some. I do all things for the sake of the gospel, so that I may become a fellow partaker of it. — 1 Corinthians 9:22-23 NASB

Churches must be continuously looking for new opportunities to reach the unchurched through starting new groups, and involving members in using their interests. Remember churches grow best by homogeneous units. i.e. Fishermen connect well with other fishermen.

4 Visitors

... 'Go out into the highways and along the hedges, and compel them to come in, so that my house may be filled.' — Luke 14:23 NASB

The most simple church growth concept is; No Visitors – No Growth. A healthy church will assimilate 25% of it's first time visitors. We hold the churches we work with accountable for a minimum of 5% visitors from the ministry area each week. We can help you with outreach strategies for your church, or you can also check out our [iLibrary](#), for free information.

5 Outreach

And every day, in the temple and from house to house, they kept right on teaching and preaching Jesus as the Christ. — Acts 5:42 NASB

One of the most frequently asked questions we get is, "Does visitation still work today?" The answer is yes! Research shows that 8 out of 10 visitors contacted within 36 hours of their visit will return, while waiting until the end of the week to do outreach will reduce the return ratio to only 15%. Check out the Church Experience Project on our website, or invite us to come equip your members on location. Outreach & Evangelism is the root of our ministry.

6 Leadership Training

And He gave some as apostles, and some as prophets, and some as evangelists, and some as pastors and teachers, for the equipping of the saints for the work of service, to the building up of the body of Christ; until we all attain to the unity of the faith, and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to a mature man, to the measure of the stature which belongs to the fullness of Christ. — Ephesians 4:11-14 NASB

When it comes to recruiting and training workers there are five essentials.

1. A job description
2. An understanding of why the job is important
3. The name of someone to go to if they need help
4. Appropriate training
5. A date the responsibility will conclude

Find out more about recruiting and training workers in our [iLibrary](#) at [MyChurchGrowth.com](#).

7 Small Groups

Day by day continuing with one mind in the temple, and breaking bread from house to house, they were taking their meals together with gladness and sincerity of heart, praising God and having favor with all the people. — Acts 2:46-47 NASB

Our goal is to help the churches we work with to have seven out of ten people in worship, involved in a small group. Starting new small groups on a regular basis will help your church grow. We can help you with training for this, or you can also check out the website for more help.

Our website is continually growing with additional free help. You can even ask as many church growth questions as you would like, with no obligation, by clicking on the questions button on our website.