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Our desire to be a gospel-centered community on mission is realized through the **multiplication of healthy groups**. If we consistently multiply groups, then we are actually accomplishing what God has called us to. We are reaching people with the gospel, making disciples, and training leaders. The multiplication of healthy groups is our measure for success.

How To Launch a Community Group

When launching new groups, there are three things new groups need to have in place before forming:

1. Leader: A trained and qualified leader

- The leader must desire to lead, feel called to lead, and be qualified to lead
- The leader must have actively participated in a Community Group for at least a year and become a member.
- The leader must complete the Leader-in-training process with their current group leader and be recommended to lead by the group leader.

2. Core Group: A healthy group living out Gospel-Centered Community on Mission

- Often this group is comprised of the Group Leaders and their new LIT
- There should be 2-6 Group Members to make a core group.
- The core group should be made of pre-existing relationships.
- The core group should be familiar with and participated in a Community Group.
- The core group shares the responsibility for the health of the group.

3. Established Rhythms

- Pick and plan a regular Group Meeting Time
- Plan time to meet specifically with your LIT or those who have committed to being Disciple Makers in your group
- Plan with your LIT your Family and Mission Rhythms to begin setting healthy patterns

Invite new people into your community and rhythms and be willing to add more rhythms and adapt current rhythms for the mission of making disciples.