



CROSSBRIDGE
COMMUNITY CHURCH

Multiplying a New Lifegroup

Goal: Raise up two healthy groups with both having strong leaders, core families and healthy DNA, so each starts their new group empowered and encouraged.

Preparing for Multiplication

1. **Plan ahead:** Through your discipling relationships, cast the vision and ask the potential leaders to pray about leading the new group. After agreeing, spend time mentoring them in the Coaching Guide. Then, six weeks prior, begin empowering the future leaders to lead the whole group time navigating the Flow, leading the Core and delegating/coaching the other Flow parts. As they lead, coach them and discuss any concerns they have in leading.
2. **Equip:** Give the future leaders the link to the Lifegroup Leaders Resources Web Page. Have them read the Lifegroup Leader Role Description sheet and the Lifegroup Leader Coaching Guide and set up a time to process with you.
3. **Lifegroup Coach support:** Involve your Lifegroup Coach as they are partners with you in prayer and on the mission. There will be times of coaching together toward the vision of multiplication in the Lifegroup.
4. **Lifegroup mapping:** Together with the new leaders, map your current group's locations to see geographically where your members are located and what group to place them in. While geography is important, you'll also need to be aware of other relational factors.
5. **Set a date:** Determine a projected date for multiplication. It's important to consider optimal times of the year. (Beginning of the fall or new year are often best.)
6. **Cast the vision for multiplication:** Set a plan six weeks prior to the multiplication to communicate weekly about it in Lifegroup and to pray.

Six-Week Plan and Timeline

Toward Lifegroup Multiplication

Week 1

At the meeting, cast the vision for multiplication, and share with the group that you're going to discuss multiplication next week. Celebrate the growth of your group, and how previous multiplications made room for existing members to experience Lifegroup. Use scripture:

Deuteronomy 30:14-16

Matthew 28:18-20

Acts 1:8

Acts 2:46-47

Acts 6:7

Acts 9:31

Hebrews 10:22-25

Week 2

Announce multiplication, and share who the new leaders will be. Celebrate and pray over them.

- Share that we want to grow more geographically with each multiplication, and the current and new leaders will be looking at a map of where members live to see if there is a natural geographic grouping.
- Emphasize that no one is forced to be in a certain group.
- Let them know that you'll contact them in the next week.

***Both leaders break up the calls based on your best plan to balance the groups.

In your call to each Lifegroup member:

- Ask how they are feeling about the multiplication and their concerns or questions.
- Reassure them. Pray for them. Expect that some will express sadness at the thought of the group's dynamic changing with multiplication.
- Ask them to pray over which group to be in and share your hope they will join your group based on our group's vision.

Week 3-4

Continue consistency in the Flow, and share the vision for multiplication using scripture.

- Finalize the date of your multiplication celebration as a group, and the group's commissioning on Sunday morning at an upcoming Celebration Sunday.

Week 5

Celebrate Communion, and share God Stories and testimonies about what the group has meant to them or how multiplying is hard and good.

Week 6

Multiplication Celebration Party/Fellowship

- Set a date for the two groups to gather together for a whole group fellowship in six weeks.
- Begin meeting as two healthy groups the following week.

Future Lifegroup's Family Tree

Seek to keep the family tree connection going by intentionally organizing reunions around:

1. Holidays: Easter Egg Hunt/BBQ, Friendsgiving, etc.
2. Churchwide events: Meet up for Jesus Hour, Freedom Day, Kindle, etc.
3. Mission or serving opportunities: Go and serve together.

Future Leader Next Steps

1. Read the Lifegroup Leader Coaching Guide and Lifegroup Leader Role Sheet and process with the new leaders.
2. Sign up for Freedom Prayer.
3. Begin attending leader equippings.