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ανηρ ὅς εμπροσθεν μου γεγονέν, ὁι πρώτος
μου ἦν. **31**κἀγὼ οὐκ ἤδειν αὐτόν, ἀλλ' ἵνα
φανερωθῆ τῷ Ἰσραὴλ διὰ τοῦτο ἦλθον ἐγὼ
ἐν ὕδατι βαπτίζων. **32**Καὶ ἐμαρτύρησεν
Ἰωάννης λέγων ὅτι Τεθέαμαι τὸ πνεῦμα.



SYLLABUS AND STUDY GUIDE Dynamics of Church Growth AT209

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AN INTRODUCTION TO THE NEW APOSTOLIC REFORMATION

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INTRODUCTION

Ephesians 4:16

from whom the whole body, joined and knit together by what every joint supplies, according to the effective working by which every part does its share, causes growth of the body for the edifying of itself in love.

Formula:

$$\underline{\hspace{10em}} + \underline{\hspace{10em}} = \text{Growth}$$

Ephesians 4:7

But to each one of us grace was given according to the measure of Christ's gift.

Ephesians 4:8

Therefore He says: "When He ascended on high, he led captivity captive, and gave gifts to men."

Ephesians 4:11

And He Himself gave some to be apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, and some pastors and teachers,

Ephesians 4:12

for the equipping of the saints for the work of ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ,

Matthew 16:18
 "And I also say to you that you are Peter, and on this rock I will build My church, and the gates of Hades shall not prevail against it."

Church growth through the ages:

Requirement?

Matthew 9:14-17

14 Then the disciples of John came to Him, saying, "Why do we and the Pharisees fast often, but Your disciples do not fast?"
 15 And Jesus said to them, "Can the friends of the bridegroom mourn as long as the bridegroom is with them? But the days will come when the bridegroom will be taken away from them, and then they will fast.
 16 "No one puts a piece of unshrunk cloth on an old garment; for the patch pulls away from the garment, and the tear is made worse.
 17 "Nor do they put new wine into old wineskins, or else the wineskins break, the wine is spilled, and the wineskins are ruined. But they put new wine into new wineskins, and both are preserved."

What are the new wineskins for the 21st century?

Four questions for church growth methodology:

1. Why does _____
 _____ ?
2. Churches are not equal. Why are _____
 _____ ?
3. Can any _____
 _____ ?
4. Do unusually blessed churches _____
 _____ ?

Three amazing movements:

1. African Independent Churches.
2. Chinese House Churches.
3. Latin American Grassroots Churches.

Also: U.S. Independent Charismatics

Conclusion in 1993: There is _____
_____.

Q: What are the common characteristics?

1. A NEW NAME

A. Generic name

- Reformation:

- Apostolic:

- New:

B. Specific names

2. NEW AUTHORITY STRUCTURE

Traditional Christianity:

The major difference:

The amount of _____
delegated by the Holy Spirit
to _____ .

- Bureaucratic authority to _____
- Legal structure to _____
- Control to _____
- Rational leadership to _____

A. Local church level.

Pastor is _____ , not _____ .

B. Translocal level.

3. NEW LEADERSHIP TRAINING

The _____ is the primary incubator for leaders.

Congregations, not academic institutions, once again are becoming the primary place for training program staff members for large congregations. This is consistent and compatible, but farther advanced than a parallel trend that is for large churches to replace theological seminaries as the primary source for clergy.

Lyle E. Schaller, *The Senior Minister* (Nashville, TN: Abingdon Press, 1988), p. 84.

Church membership:

Church staff:

Basis:

Requirements: 1. Loyalty to _____

2. Chemistry with _____

3. Commitment to _____ of _____

Eliminates: 1. _____ committees

2. _____ committees

Bypasses:

4. NEW MINISTRY FOCUS

Traditional: Present to _____ (_____ driven)

New Apostolic: Future to _____ (_____ driven)

Ed Delph: There is no _____ in living in
the _____ .

John Maxwell: Losers _____ for the past and
_____ .

Winners _____ from the past and
_____ .

5. NEW WORSHIP STYLE ("Plugged-in Worship")

Plugged into:

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.

6. NEW PRAYER FORMS

A. Prayer in the _____

B. Prayer in the _____

● Praise _____

● Prayer _____

● Prayer _____

● Prayer _____

C. Prayer in the _____

Ephesians 3:10

to the intent that now the manifold wisdom of God might be made known by the church to the principalities and powers in the heavenly places