



MUSTARD SEED LEADERSHIP PODCAST

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1) The Mobilising Leader

Why and how we build through others

Ephesians 4:11-16 (NIV)

11 So Christ himself gave the apostles, the prophets, the evangelists, the pastors and teachers,

12 to equip his people for works of service, so that the body of Christ may be built up

16 From him the whole body, joined and held together by every supporting ligament, grows and builds itself up in love, as each part does its work.

Concern: There are a lot of trained and equipped disciples of Jesus who are still stuck in spectator mode!

- EQUIPPING DOES NOT JUST MEAN TRAINING

Def: EQUIP - *katartismos*

- kata- against, contrary to, opposed
- arti - now, at once, immediately
- **Def:** To quickly go against something. Eg. To push start a car! 3...2...1...PUSH - To MOBILISE

Jesus has given ministry and leadership gifts to the church to MOBILISE His people

Focus: On church leadership but has application to all leadership environments

Eg. Business owner just told me he is going to the UK for three weeks

- Sat his employees down and told them that they will be running the business while he is away
- If they don't get the job done there won't be money to pay them
- He is giving them the responsibility and mobilising them to think and acting like business owners.

5 BIG WHYs behind the power of becoming a mobilising leader

1. Mobilising leads to GROWTH

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Getting people doing what God has called and enabled them to do ALWAYS RESULTS IN GROWTH

This was Jesus' strategy for discipleship:

1. Jesus sent out the 12 to do what he did

Matthew 10:1 (NIV)

1 Jesus called his twelve disciples to him and gave them authority to drive out impure spirits and to heal every disease and sickness.

2. Jesus involves them in the miracle of feeding the 5000

Matthew 14:16 (NIV)

16 Jesus replied, “They do not need to go away. You give them something to eat.”

3. Jesus sent out the 12 plus 60 others for the apostles to disciple in doing the work

Luke 10:1 (NIV)

1 After this the Lord appointed seventy-two others and sent them two by two ahead of him to every town and place where he was about to go.

BIG IDEA: Jesus was constantly push starting them into a life of service and ministry.

- The result was that by the time He ascended back to heaven the apostles were ready to be commissioned
- **Mobilising leads to growth!**

Of course there are two types of growth

1. Personal growth
2. Numerical growth

Amazing thing is that mobilising leads to both types of growth

- People will grow personally as they are stretched into action
- And as a result of having more people involved in loving and serving the Body, the church will grow numerically as well

CHALLENGE: Don’t focus on growth, focus on mobilisation

- If you as a leader can get people involved and serving with their gifts, you will see growth in their lives and numerically in the church

QUESTIONS:

1. What is the involvement level like in your church or organisation?
2. What do you think may be stopping more people from getting involved?
3. What can you do differently to increase the level of involvement from people?