

Understanding what makes a church grow (or at least trying to.....)

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PART 2:

Intro thought 2:

To understand what makes a church grow we need to understand the partnership dynamic between God and His instruments on earth:

1. His **Word** - the Seed of growth
2. His **Spirit** - the Life of growth
3. His **Man** (and woman) - his vessels

All three are critically important.

- We cannot make the church grow.
- But, God has chosen to involve us in the process!
- We get to mess up or speed up the process!

6 EXAMPLES OF GROWTH TRIGGERS IN THE EARLY CHURCH

2. Spirit filled healthy community life

Acts 2:46-47 (NLT)

46 They worshiped together at the Temple each day, met in homes for the Lord's Supper, and shared their meals with great joy and generosity—47 all the while praising God and enjoying the goodwill of all the people. And each day the Lord added to their fellowship those who were being saved.

The second growth trigger is about developing a Holy Spirit filled community of friends who are on mission as a community

"What you get saved into is more important than what you get saved out of" Dudley Daniel

Michael Eaton *"If you want your church to grow, just fill it with joy"*

Quote “*Sometimes people have to feel like they belong before they believe*”

My conviction regarding church growth:

Ephesians 4:16 (NLT)

16 He makes the whole body fit together perfectly. As each part does its own special work, it helps the other parts grow, so that the whole body is healthy and growing and full of love.

Focus on **INVOLVEMENT** and **GROWTH** takes care of itself

BIG IDEA: Event growth is exciting but continual, healthy community growth is even more important.