LEARNING COMMUNITIES
MULTIPLIERS LEARNING COMMUNITIES
LEADING BEYOND ADDITION

A DIVERSE COMMUNITY OF LEADERS UNIFIED ON THE PURSUIT OF HEALTHY CHURCH MULTIPLICATION
INTRODUCTION

At Exponential, we are passionate about Kingdom multiplication. We are working to inspire and equip leaders to change the primary metrics of success in the Church from addition to multiplication, and from accumulation to releasing. Currently only a small percentage of churches—in the single digits—are reproducing and hardly any in our western context are multiplying. Our mission is to make reproduction and multiplication the norm by seeing more than 10% of churches reproducing or multiplying (and eventually to a “tipping point” of 16%).

The Multipliers Learning Communities were created to help forward-thinking leaders engage in peer-to-peer learning about the future of the church. Participating leaders have tasted success in the context of prevailing metrics. However, these leaders are experiencing a “holy discontent” that is partially rooted in the reality that most of the current methods and measures in the U.S. church are not producing the outcomes Jesus intended. These leaders are the pioneers and map-makers of the healthy, reproducing faith communities of the future. Over 550 leaders have already participated in Multipliers Learning Communities with Exponential.

THE BACK STORY

Known as “Future Travelers,” Exponential’s original Learning Community was birthed from a journey of friends to discover what God was saying, and to understand what it meant for them and the churches they were leading. Guided by Alan Hirsch, this inaugural group met several times to learn together and wrestle with the implications. Because of this journey, each of these churches has initiated transformative changes and practices.

Many other senior pastors joined this transformational journey. Then, Future Travelers opened up to include denominational and network leaders, who, in turn, invited their best and brightest to participate in this engaging learning experience. Fueled by the strong feedback from past alumni, Exponential is continuing to offer learning communities to help other leaders in their multiplication journey.

Ralph Moore, Founding Pastor of the Hope Chapel movement, Exponential Multiplication Catalyst

Steve Andrews, Lead Pastor, Kensington Community Church

It’s probably the most important discussion of my life ... it would certainly have to be the best learning investment of my life.

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The Learning Community journey consists of three separate gatherings in three different cities over an 8-month period (from Fall 2019 to Spring 2020). The journey combines the relational, experiential and informational components required for transformation. Each of the three gatherings consists of a day and a half of teaching, discussion, breakouts and practical application including:

• Innovative teaching by recognized national leaders.
• Peer-to-peer, small group learning environments designed to be an intimate, living room experience.
• Seasoned Level 4 and 5 leaders sharing their experiences in implementation, including lessons learned.

The journey is designed to help leaders guide their church to the next level of multiplication. The gatherings are highly relational and interactive. Most participants say that the relational aspect of the journey alone, including the fellowship with like-minded leaders and building of relationships with new friends, makes the experience worthwhile. The journey will also include exclusive live webcasts from nationally recognized leaders, many of whom have been speakers on the Exponential main stage.

“The Exponential learning community was an incredible experience for me. We were able to hear from some of the leading voices in the world on future trends in the church and what we can do as leaders to prepare for those. On a personal note, it really challenged the way I view my role in church planting, challenging me to place disciple-making at the core. And we’ve actually developed pipelines as a result of this emerging leaders’ cohort.”

Joey Cook, Lead Pastor, City Church, Conway AR
“Bringing so many different leaders from different ministries and churches together in one room...you start seeing things in a new light. Now I’m not just thinking just how many can we reach here within Long Beach. My mindset has changed where now I’m thinking multiplication. I loved the collaboration and the conversation.”

Autumn Katz, Co-pastor of Anthem Church, Long Beach, CA
“Cohorts” refer to a group of up to 25 leaders who journey together for approximately 8 months in a learning community. The cohorts are designed to connect, equip, and empower leaders to continue to move beyond “addition” thinking and embrace multiplication mindsets and “movement” thinking when it comes to connecting people to the grace of God and making disciple-making disciples of Jesus. These cohorts are for leaders who are no longer interested in simply growing attendance, but long for a greater Kingdom impact that makes a palpable difference in the world.

In Exponential’s research and experience, we have found all churches will fall into 1 of 5 categories when it come to growth and multiplication: Level 1 Subtracting; Level 2 Plateaued; Level 3 Adding; Level 4 Reproducing; and Level 5 Multiplying. (For more, see Becoming a Level 5 Multiplying Church) Note: Find your Level with Exponential’s Free Multiplication Assessment at: church-multiplication.com/multiplicationculture.

“It was important to me to meet likeminded people who are trying to reimagine what the church can be and do. What we’ve realized after going through this learning community experience is that we could do so much more in mobilizing people to be everyday missionaries wherever they are. Being inspired by some of the stories we heard, we’ve taken some next steps to start a mobilization hub out of our church in midtown.”

Drew Hyun, Founding Pastor of Hope Church NYC, a family of diverse churches in NYC
Exponential is excited to announce the following Multipliers cohorts beginning the fall of 2019. These affinity-based cohorts are designed to move leaders to greater levels of multiplication:

- **L3 Leaders Cohort**: Leaders that are committed to moving beyond simple addition. They may assess at Level 3 but aspire to Levels 4 and 5.

- **L4 Leaders Cohort**: Leaders that are already reproducing but long for even greater impact. They already assess at Level 4 but aspire to greater kingdom reproduction and even multiplication.

- **Young, Emerging Leaders Cohort**: Leaders that want to establish a multiplication mindset from the very early days of their ministry.

- **Network Leaders Cohort**: Network and denominational leaders that want to learn how to lead leaders and churches into multiplication thinking.

- **Full Cohort for your Group**: The greatest overall impact within an organization may come from securing a full cohort for your denomination or network. Past experience has shown that the dynamics of learning together can create greater synergy for your group and multiply the impact throughout your tribe.

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**NEXT SEASON**

The seasoned leaders that gave us ideas to think about challenged me to think outside the box in regards to how to mobilize a healthy church towards being effective in reproducing disciple-makers. We changed our vision to be a vibrant church of disciplemakers that reproduces vibrant churches, locally and globally, and that has been mind blowing for me.

Hanley Liu, English Pastor of First Chinese Baptist Church Walnut, CA

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"The learning communities will shake up your thinking and challenge you to think about the kingdom and multiplication in a fresh way. They are not about maintaining the status quo in the life of the church; they are about creating new paradigms."

Rashard Barnes, Pastor, Mercy Church, Charlotte, NC
The 8-month journey will focus on the principles and practices of healthy church multiplication. The primary reference material is from the book *Multipliers: Leading Beyond Addition*. This book from Exponential includes core materials from our 2015, 2016, 2017, and 2018 multiplication themes including *Spark: Creating a Culture of Multiplication*, *Becoming a Level Five Multiplying Church*, *Dream Big, Plan Smart: Finding Your Pathway to Level Five Multiplication*, and *HeroMaker*.

We will unapologetically focus on the cause of church multiplication. The models and approaches of the future will be different than the traditions of the past. This journey IS NOT about teaching leaders how to do old (or even existing) models better. This journey is about collaborative, peer-to-peer learning to discover the future together.

"I was so blessed and fortunate to be a part of this learning community. Being in the room with other people who have the same mission of kingdom expansion was powerful. I enjoyed the community because I made lifelong friendships and connections that will help me forever."

Lé Selah, Lead Pastor, Rebirth L.A., Hollywood, CA
QUALIFICATIONS

What are the characteristics of the people best suited for Learning Communities?

They are a unique breed. You know them when you meet them. They think differently. They have a humble heart, possess a holy discontent with the status quo, have a bias toward the future and offer a proven record of results. They are your mapmakers, your pioneers. They are the change makers, honoring the past but looking toward the future. They will typically have the following characteristics:

**A humble heart**
- Fully surrendered with a teachable spirit
- Trusting God to build His Church through them despite their weaknesses
- Personal humility with a deep resolve to follow through
- Openness to input and ideas from other church leaders

**Holy discontent**
- Pioneering initiative
- A concern that has moved beyond “accumulation” to a passion for equipping and deploying disciples
- An intrinsic sense of urgency that the time is now

**The ability to execute**
- A history of leading through challenges to the next level
- A culture of discipline that has produced sustained growth
- Margin to make a difference
There will be a wide variety of Guides and Mentors for both the in-person gatherings as well as the live webcasts. Past faculty members have included Cynthia Marshall, Alan Hirsch, Jeff Vanderstelt, Jim Putman, Daniel Im, Brian Sanders, Brianna Wilkerson, Dave Clayton, Sydney Clayton, Neil Cole, Dave Rhodes, Lucas Pulley, Keisha Polonio, Alex Absalom, Rob Wegner, Janet McMahon, Troy McMahon, Jeremy Stephens, Brad Everett and others.

Todd Wilson – Todd is the founder and currently serves as the CEO of Exponential (exponential.org), a national non-profit ministry whose core focus is distributing thought leadership through conferences, books, podcasts, software, and small group learning communities. He spends most of his energy engaged in a wide range of leading-edge and pioneering initiatives aimed at helping analyze movements of healthy, reproducing churches. As a certified Life Planner and author of More: Find Your Personal Calling and Live Life to the Fullest Measure, he is also passionate about seeing people discover and deploy their unique personal calling. Todd has also written/co-written many of Exponential’s core resources.

Ralph Moore – Ralph is the Founding Pastor of one of the few Level 5 multiplication churches we can find in our generation. Beginning with just 12 people, the Hope Chapel ‘movement’ now numbers over 2,300 churches worldwide. Ralph recently retired from Hope Chapel Honolulu, and has joined the Exponential team as our Multiplication Catalyst where he is involved in training and developing resources. He’s authored several books, including Mega, Multi, Multiply: Your Church as a Multiplication Platform and New to Five: Starting a Level 5 Multiplying Church. Catch his blog at ralphmoore.net.

Larry Walkemeyer - Since 1991, Larry has served as the lead pastor of Light & Life Christian Fellowship in Long Beach, California. Light & Life’s priority on local and global church planting has led to the start of twenty churches nationally and church-planting networks in Ethiopia, Philippines and Indonesia. Leadership Network has recognized Light & Life as one of the four hundred most influential churches in America. Larry is also the Director of Equipping & Spiritual Engagement for Exponential and is the author or co-author of seven books, including some of Exponential’s key resources.

Bill Couchenour - Bill has served churches across the country for over 30 years. As Director of Deployment at Exponential, Bill primarily serves network and denominational leaders of church planting movements with Exponential’s resources. He also provides strategic and operational oversight of Exponential’s Learning Communities and their expanding educational opportunities. Bill is a coach and Governing Elder at the Underground Network, a network of micro-churches around the world that is based in Tampa, FL.
CALENDAR
The Cohorts will meet 3 times from November 2019 to May 2020. Each gathering will be a day and a half during the following weeks:

• Orange County, CA the week of November 11, 2019
• Tampa, FL the week of January 27, 2020
• Chicago, IL the week of May 4, 2020

YOUR INVESTMENT
Applications will be required to ensure compatibility within the cohorts. An approved application and a 50% deposit will be required to reserve a place in a cohort. Cost to participate:

• L3, L4, and Network Leaders Individual Pricing: $1,500 per person
• Young, Emerging Leader Individual Pricing: $750 per person (reduced by half with scholarship for those accepted into the Young, Emerging Leader program)
• Group Pricing: $1,300 per person for groups of 6 or more
• Full Cohort Pricing: $1,000 per person for a full Network Cohort of up to 25 people ($25,000)

Note: You are responsible for your travel costs.

NEXT STEPS
Space is limited and offered on a first-come, first-served basis. To reserve your place, you will need to have an approved application and submit a 50% deposit. To begin:

• Visit exponential.org/lc-application and submit your application.
• Upon approval, you will receive directions to submit your deposit.

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