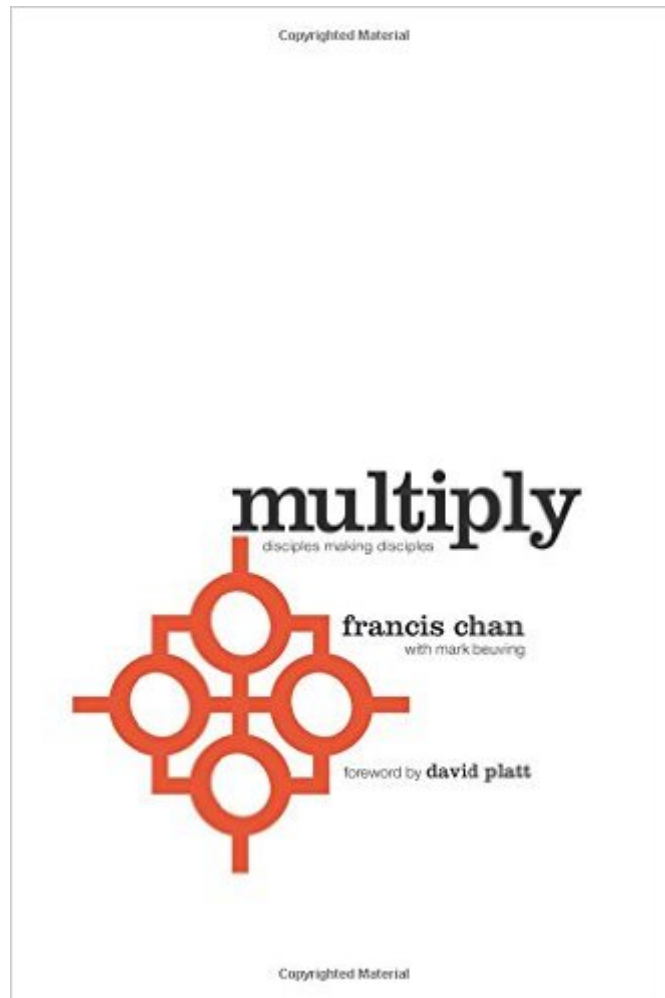


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Multiply: Disciples Making Disciples



Synopsis

Jesus gave his followers a command: "Follow me." And a promise: "And I will equip you to find others to follow me." We were made to make disciples. Designed for use in discipleship relationships and other focused settings, Multiply will equip you to carry out Jesus's ministry. Each of the twenty-four sessions in the book corresponds with an online video at www.multiplymovement.com, where New York Times bestselling author David Platt joins Francis in guiding you through each part of Multiply. One plus one plus one. Every copy of Multiply is designed to do what Jesus did: make disciples who make disciples who make disciples. Until the world knows the truth of Jesus Christ.

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The beauty of multiply is not in its unique approach to discipleship, its discovery of a hidden facet of training up strong followers of Jesus, or even in its back to basics approach. The beauty of the book is found in how easy it is to repeat with others. One of the other reviewers, who was basically positive, mentioned that this was no different from Sunday school curriculum. In a lot of ways, he is correct. The difference is that this isn't dependent on a lay-leader or "Christian professional" to use. If used properly, it can be a powerful tool in the hands of your everyday church attender. How we are trained is often the way that we will train others. If you were trained in a Sunday school, than you will, most likely, bring your neighbor to church and let someone else train him up or tell him about Jesus. With multiply, you could (and should), have your disciplee begin discipling someone on the first part of the book before you are even done going through it with them. They should, in turn, encourage the person that they are discipling to do the same. This has the potential to create a

culture of discipleship whereby it spreads as a way of life instead of a forced program. That, I think, is the true power of the book. You don't need to reinvent the wheel and write your own discipleship study or train 10 guys on how to do discipleship. The book provides all the tools necessary (especially when coupled with the website) to equip someone to disciple another person. Even if the person you are discipling isn't done with the book, they are equipped to wrestle through the first few sections. By the time that you have finished going through it with them, you are in a position to monitor and assist them as they go through it with someone else.

I am using Multiply in a small discipleship group I am leading at my church. I want to state at the outset that I have nothing but the greatest admiration for both of these leaders and their heart for building the kingdom. I really think they are on the right track in working to re-orient the church to more closely conform to the original kingdom building focus of the earliest church. I do have a criticism, however. Recently these leaders have come under fire in certain circles for representing what one pastor calls "the new legalism." This accusation is founded on the argument that the call to "radical" Christianity raises a bar that is too high for the average Christian to achieve. I reject this because; if we buy Paul's theology of mystical union ("It is no longer I who live, but Christ live in me." Gal. 2:20) then we have to admit that there is no bar that the life of Christ in us cannot surpass. Yes, we are called outside of the norms expected of life in the post-Enlightenment West and yes we are called far from our comfort zone. But this has been the nature of Christ's call from the very beginning. If we are truly living the life of Christ, how could we expect our lives to be anything but "radical?" But as we are working our way through the first chapter of their book Multiply we cannot help but come away with the idea that the authors' understanding is that every individual member of the church is being called to evangelize. This is based on the Great Commission. Jesus commands his followers to "Go therefore and make disciples of all nations" (Mt. 28:19 ESV). And you certainly cannot deny that Jesus intended his followers to spread his message to the ends of the earth.

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