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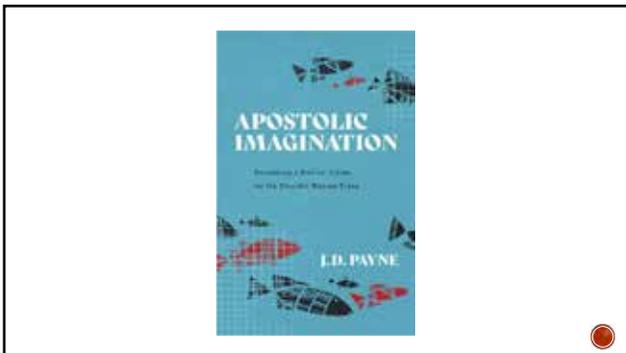
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“Now to him who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine”

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APOSTOLIC IMAGINATION?

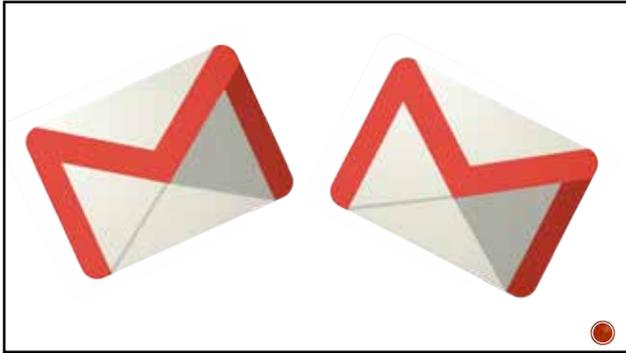
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A Spirit-transformed mindset that helped facilitate urgent and widespread gospel proclamation, disciple making, church planting, and leadership development.

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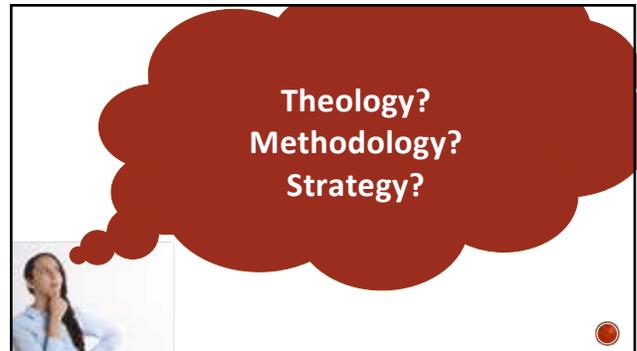
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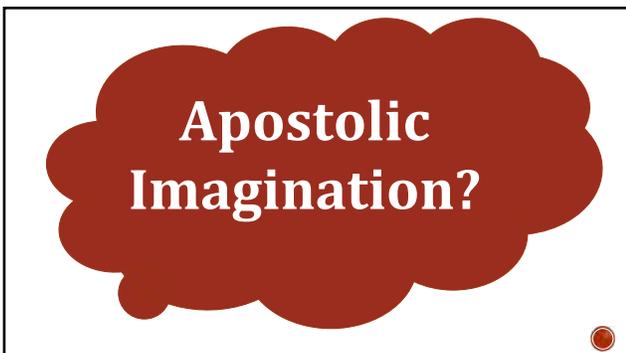
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- MULTIPLICATION
- MATURITY
- REGENERATION
- SANCTIFICATION
- QUANTITATIVE
- QUALITATIVE

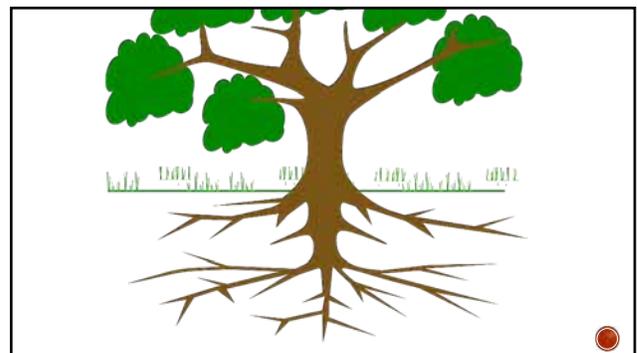
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- Disciple Making Movements
- Church Multiplication Movements
- Church Planting Movements (1999/2004)
- DAWN (1989)
- People Movements (1955)
- Mass Movements (1933)

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***THE
SPONTANEOUS
EXPANSION
OF THE
CHURCH***

*AND THE CAUSES
WHICH HINDER IT*

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“The spontaneous expansion of the Church reduced to its elements is a very simple thing. It asks for no elaborate organization, no large finances, no great numbers of paid missionaries. In its beginning it may be the work of one man, and that a man neither learned in the things of this world, not rich in the wealth of this world. The organization of a little church on the apostolic model is also extremely simple, and the most illiterate converts can use it, and the poorest are sufficiently wealthy to maintain it.”

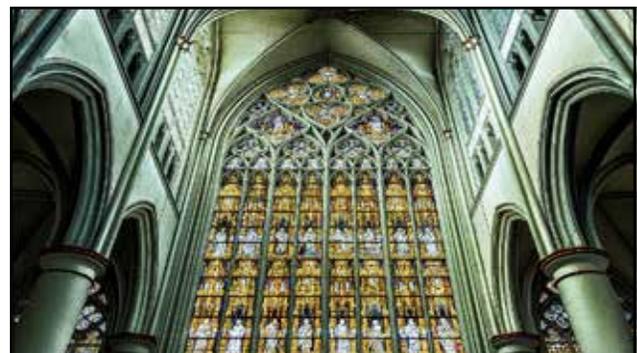


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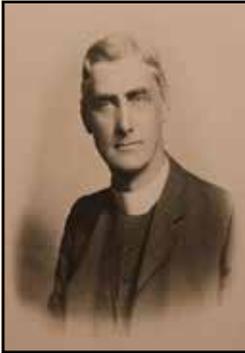


“This then is what I mean by spontaneous expansion. I mean the expansion which follows the unexhorted and unorganized activity of individual members of the Church explaining to others the Gospel which they have found for themselves; I mean the expansion which follows the irresistible attraction of the Christian Church for men who see its ordered life, and are drawn to it by desire to discover the secret of a life which they instinctively desire to share; I mean also the expansion of the Church by the addition of new churches.”

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“To leave new-born churches to learn by experience is apostolic, to abandon them is not apostolic: to watch over them is apostolic, to be always nursing them is not apostolic: to guide their education is apostolic, to provide it for them is not apostolic.”

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DEVOLUTION

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“The only reason why such spontaneous activity on the part of our converts has not resulted in the foundation of churches, is because our bishops have treated them in a very different way from that in which the bishops of the early centuries treated those who did precisely the same work. They equipped them and set them free; we have refused to equip them, and have bound them to the foreign organization of our mission.”



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Creed
Scriptures
Sacraments
Orders

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SPONTANEOUS EXPANSION

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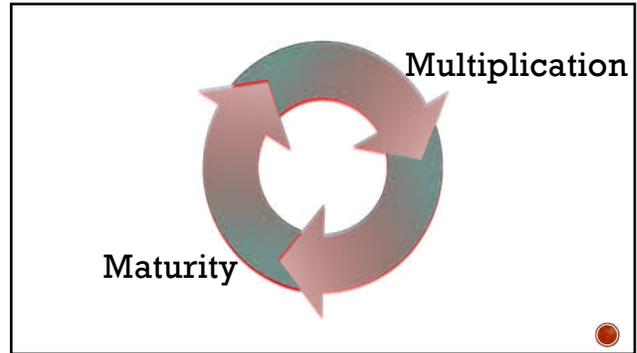
“[T]he apostles were never the local pastor and teachers and directors of any of the churches which they founded. . . and did not control the details of their social and religious life as local churches. . . Those churches were never dependent in any sense upon ministers or money derived from some outside source....”

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“St. Paul certainly did not found churches without local ministers and sacraments. If the local congregations are in our eyes churches, then we must acknowledge that, since these churches have neither ministers nor sacraments, we are creating a new type of church which has no biblical authority whatsoever, and it not in harmony with our own Prayer Book, which, following the Bible, takes it for granted that local churches have local ministers and sacraments.”

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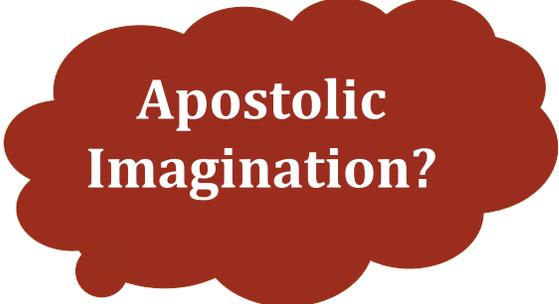


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MULTIPLICATION AND MATURATION

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Apostolic Imagination?

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“Whoever abides in me and I in him...”

“he it is that bears much fruit, for apart from me you can do nothing”
(John 15:5).

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- “Sanctify them in the truth; your word is truth....”
- “As you have sent me into the world, so I have sent them into the world. . . . I do not ask for these only, but also for those who will believe in me through their word”
(John 17:17-18, 20).

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- “And the word of God continued to increase, and the number of disciples multiplied greatly in Jerusalem,”
- “and a great many of the priests became obedient to the faith” (Acts 6:7)

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- “So the church throughout all Judea and Galilee and Samaria had peace and was being built up,”
- “And walking in the fear of the Lord and in the comfort of the Holy Spirit they multiplied” (Acts 9:31)

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- “So the churches were strengthened in the faith,”
- “and they increased in numbers daily” (Acts 16:5).

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- “Him we proclaim, warning everyone and teaching everyone...”
- “that we may present everyone mature in Christ” (Col 1:28).

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- “The gospel, which has come to you, as indeed in the whole world it is bearing fruit and growing—as it also does among you, since the day you heard it and understood” (Col 1:5-6)
- “We have not ceased to pray for you, asking that you may be filled with the knowledge of his will in all spiritual wisdom and understanding... bearing fruit in every good work and increasing in the knowledge of God” (Col 1:9-10).

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- “The gospel, which has come to you. . . just as you learned it from Epaphras our beloved fellow servant. He is a faithful minister of Christ on your behalf” (Col 1:5-7).
- “Epaphras, who is one of you, a servant of Christ Jesus, greets you, always struggling on your behalf in his prayers, that you may stand mature and fully assured in all the will of God. For I bear him witness that he has worked hard for you and for those in Laodicea and in Hierapolis” (Col 4:12-13).

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▪ “Our gospel came to you...And you became imitators of us and of the Lord...so that you became an example to all the believers in Macedonia and Achaia” (1 Thes 1:5, 6, 7).

▪ “For not only has the word of the Lord sounded forth from you in Macedonia and Achaia, but your faith in God has gone forth everywhere, so that we need not say anything” (1 Thes 1:8).

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▪ “Pray for us, that the word of the Lord may speed ahead...”

▪ “and be honored, as happened among you” (2 Thes 2:3).

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“Now to him who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine”

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