

Developing a healthy growth dynamic

1) Acts 16 and strategic growth

- i) The power and ministry of the Holy Spirit (vs6,7) – an ‘only God’ thing
- ii) The gospel gets to *needy sinners* (vs9) – a ‘must pray’ thing
- iii) The gospel gets to needy sinners (v10) – a ‘must go’ thing
- iv) The *gospel* gets to needy sinners (v11) – a ‘must speak’ thing

2) Acts 6 and the dynamics of growing

Context

Size dynamics

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Small

Medium

Awkward

Large

What leadership does about this growth challenge

3) Personal Leadership Transitions

Track athlete, Golf Buddies, Basketball Coach, Grid-iron Head Coach

Remember Moses, Jethro, and Ex 18

4) Organisational Life-cycles

Bullard/Jensen/McKeown

The critical point on the ‘growth curve’

5) Change dynamics

Change is a feeling - Loss and Grief x2

Change cycles - Dream, Leap, Fight, Climb, Arrive

6) 1 Tim 5 and the ‘organic/organisation’ tension of church life

‘Both/and’, not ‘either/or’

7) Eph 4 and ‘build’ dynamics

‘Get’ and ‘Grow’

Conclusion