

# MODULE 4: DON'T JUST PLANT A CHURCH, START A MOVEMENT

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## MISSIONAL CHURCH MULTIPLICATION

### Notes:

#### Systemic Problems

- *“But to tear down a factory or to revolt against a government or to avoid repair of a motorcycle because it is a system is to attack effects rather than causes; and as long as the attack is upon effects only, no change is possible. The true system, the real system, is our present construction of systematic thought itself, rationality itself, and if a factory is torn down but the rationality which produced it is left standing, then that rationality will simply produce another factory. If a revolution destroys a systematic government, but the systematic patterns of thought that produced that government are left intact, then those patterns will repeat themselves in the succeeding government. There’s so much talk about the system. And so little understanding.” - Robert M. Pirsig, Zen and the Art of Motorcycle Maintenance: An Inquiry Into Values*

#### Ways To Think About Movements:

- When you look at all of the high points in Western church history, there’s often a movement behind it

#### How Do We Block The Potential of Movements?

- First Killer: The non-discipleship of the church
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
- Second Killer: The clergy/laity divide



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- Third Killer: To load everything into the weekend experience.

## **Reflection Questions:**

1. In light of Robert M. Pirsig's quote, "In what ways is your understanding of the church informed by effects versus causes?"
2. What can we glean from historical and contemporary movements that will advance the cause of Christ in our generation?
3. In the Chinese church, they say, "Every believer is a church planter and every church is a church planting church." What would it look like to incorporate this into the culture of your church? And into the way that you lead and disciple others?
4. Reflect on this quote from Alan, "Don't plant the church. Plant the gospel in a way that makes sense to a generation. And out of that, the church will emerge."
5. Take a look at your budget. What does it say about what you value most?



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