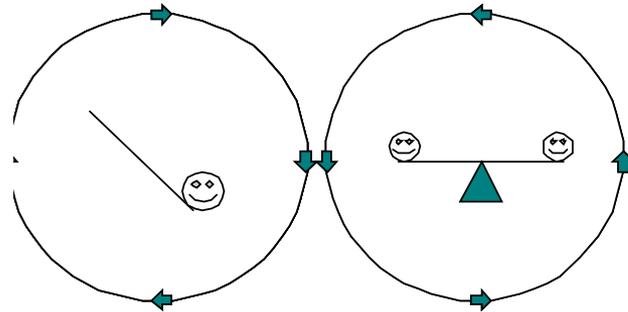


How My Small Church Can Grow

Limits to Growth Systems Archtype – Peter Senge



(Movement)

- 1. The Lost Harvest**
- 2. The Bishop's Mistake**
- 3. The Prayer Tool.**

(Church)

- 4. Four Corners.**
- 5. Managing Change.**
- 6. Managing Excitement.**

All that any church needs to do to grow is for people to obey Jesus and follow his commandments.

Critical mass = 20-25% of active participants.

I

100%=

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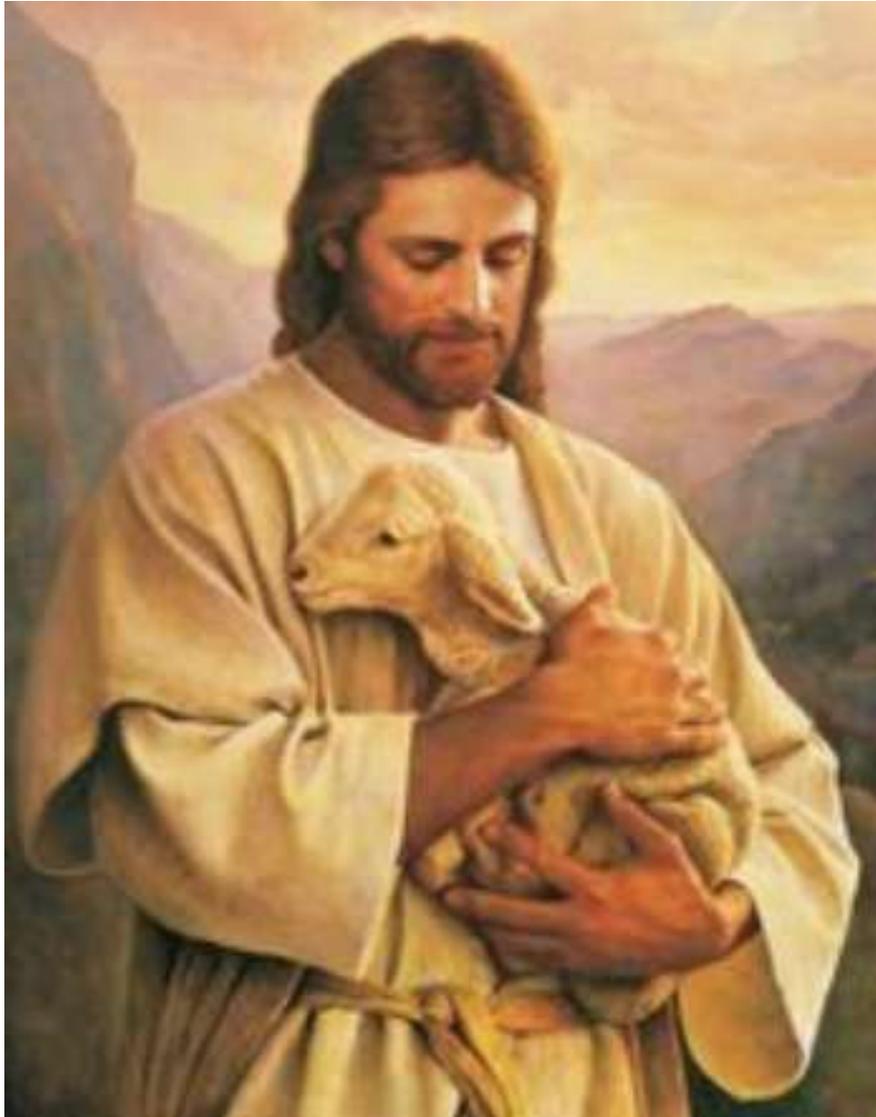
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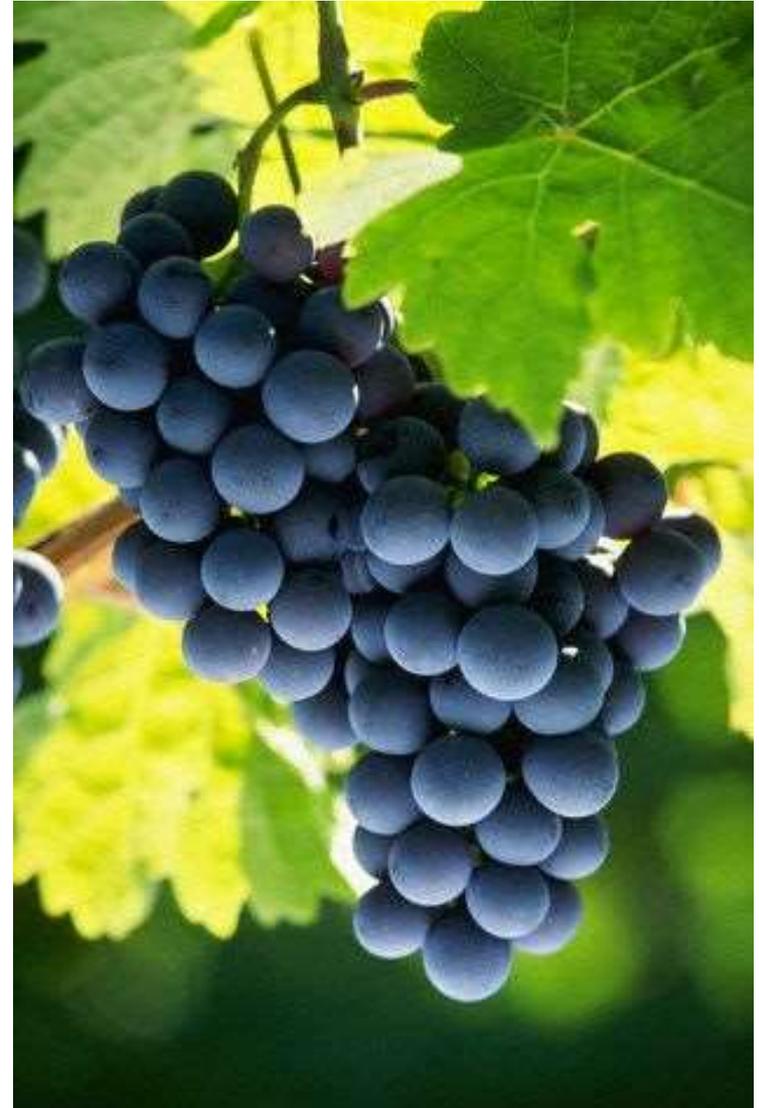
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The Lost



Harvest



Now the tax collectors and sinners were all drawing near to hear him. *And the Pharisees and the scribes murmured, saying, "This man receives sinners and eats with them."* So he told them this parable: "What man of you, having a hundred sheep, if he has lost one of them, does not leave the ninety-nine in the wilderness, and go after the one which is lost, until he finds it? *And when he has found it, he lays it on his shoulders, rejoicing.* And when he comes home, he calls together his friends and his neighbors, saying to them, *'Rejoice with me, for I have found my sheep which was lost.'*

Just so, I tell you, *there will be more joy in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine righteous persons who need no repentance* (Luke 15:1-7).

In this parable, who (literally) are the lost?



(literally)
**Lost: anyone
who is not with
the other sheep.**

74%

Presser & Stinson 1965

26%



18%

2009

Bishop Gregory
Palmer, UMC School
for Congregational
Development



The
challenge
is noticing
the lost.

74% 26%
Presser & Stinson

It begins with compassion.

When he saw the crowds,
he had compassion for
them, because they were
harassed and helpless,
like sheep without a
shepherd.

(Matthew 9:36)



Who do you know who is *harassed & helpless*?

Then he said to his disciples, “The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few; pray therefore the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest” (Matthew 9:37).

5-10%

C. Peter Wagner



The harvest is ready; what is lacking are the laborers willing and prepared to labor.

Fruit does not
volunteer.



**You
have
to go
get it.**





Ripe fruit is picked one at a time.
This requires a *focus on individuals*
because fruit does not ripen simultaneously.

You have to spend time in the garden every day looking over every plant.





Before it's ripe,
fruit will resist.

When it's ripe,
it will drop into
your hand.

After it's too
ripe ... too late!

Yoido Pastor Yongii Cho:

*Your broom
is waiting.*



*You know, we don't do evangelism in Korea the way you do it in the West . . . We have 50,000 cell groups and each group will love two people to Christ within the next year. **They select someone who's not a Christian,** whom they can pray for, love and serve. They bring meals, help sweep out the person's store — whatever it takes to show they really care for them.*

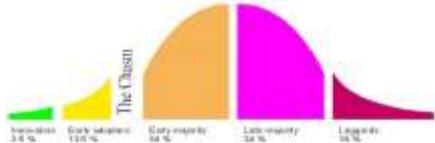
When a person asks, "Why are you treating me so well?" our people answer, "Jesus told us that we're supposed to do good to all men, and we want you to know that we love you, and so does Jesus."



After three or four months of such love, the hardest soul softens up and surrenders to Christ.

You shall love your neighbor as yourself.

Innovators &
Early Adopters



Common Interest,
Hobby or Concern

Who doesn't attend worship in your area?

This is your disciple making neighborhood.

Goal: create a disciple making movement in your neighborhood.

Geographical
Neighborhood

Family and
Friendship
Networks

Let's
take a
break.

