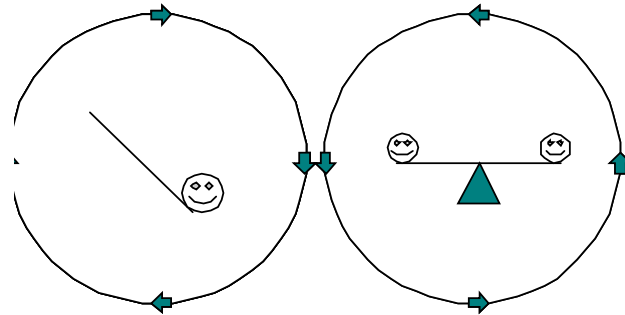


# How My Small Church Can Grow

## *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%=**

**75%=**

**C**

**My Neighborhood**

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**F**

# 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%**



Bishop Gregory  
Palmer, UMC School  
for Congregational  
Development

**18%**

2009



The  
challenge  
is noticing  
the lost.

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# 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.*

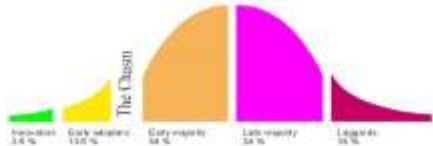
*When a person asks, "Why are you treating me so well?" our people answer, "Jesus told us that we're supposed to do good to all men, and we want you to know that we love you, and so does Jesus."*



*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.

