

# Why *Multiply* Vineyard Church North Phoenix?

## I. Introduction

## II. Why Continue to Be an “Outreach-Focused” Church?

A. Because the Bible commands us to.

1. Matthew 28:18-20 (NAS)
2. There is a reason that God leaves us here on earth after we become followers of Jesus!
3. Acts 1:8 (NAS)

B. Because of the needs of those around us.

1. II Peter 3:9 (NAS)
2. John 14:6 (NAS)
3. Romans 3:23 (NAS)
4. Romans 6:23 (NAS)
5. Romans 10:13 (NAS)
6. When a church decides it doesn't want to keep reaching out to more people, that's a sign of selfishness!
7. Philippians 2:3 (NAS)
8. For our church to keep reaching more people for Jesus Christ, it takes continual acts of unselfishness on the part of lots of different people!
9. A church chooses if it wants to keep reaching people or not!
10. Always remember that God wants all of us continually reaching out to other people!
  - a. Luke 19:10 (NAS)

## III. Some Common Excuses for a Church to Stop Reaching New People for Christ

A. “God isn't interested in numbers.”

1. All through the Bible, God is interested in numbers!
2. Counting is an act of love!
3. We count people here at the Vineyard because people count!

- B. "We want quality in our church, not quantity."
  - 1. This implies you can't have both!
  - 2. Mark 1:17 (NAS)
  - 3. Fishermen want both quality and quantity!
  - 4. In the Vineyard, we want both!
- C. "Large churches are too impersonal."
  - 1. They don't have to be! The average person in a church knows about 60 people in that church (no matter what size the church is.)
  - 2. We believe the church should grow larger and smaller at the same time.
    - a. Small groups are the key to this!
  - 3. Size has nothing to do with friendliness!

#### **IV. What Can I Do to Help VCNP Continue to Reach More People for Jesus Christ?**

- A. Invite people to church all the time!
- B. Become a member of VCNP!
- C. Ask God where He wants you to serve.
  - 1. Ephesians 2:10 (NAS)
- D. Join a small group.
- E. Pray for God to keep reaching people through our church!
- F. Pray about coming to our Saturday night service or our 9:15 a.m. service.
- G. If you live in the N.W. Peoria area, pray about becoming part of this new campus!
  - 1. Multi-site informational meeting: September 21<sup>st</sup> at 6:00 p.m. in the high school auditorium

#### **V. Conclusion**