



The Overflow

An e-newsletter from The River Network International, dedicated to helping you multiply disciples, leaders, and churches.

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*"...so where the river flows everything will live"
-Ezekiel 47:9*

ON FIRE

by Rev. Dr. Steve Cordle

In The Wake Up Call, JD Walt shared that he had a friend named Ricky, who was "straight out of the Old Testament—a spitfire prophet type." One day, Ricky walked up to a lost and broken friend's door and greeted him saying, "Bobby, if I was driving by and your house was on fire, would you want me to stop and tell you?"

The friend said, "Of course, I would!"

Ricky then said, "Well, Bobby, your house is on fire!" It was Ricky's way of telling his friend that he urgently needed Christ.

Am I keenly aware of the reality that my neighbors, family, and friends are lost and in eternal danger? Do I see this as an emergency? Do my actions reflect this?

These are good questions to ask ourselves on a regular basis, because the routines of daily life can numb us to the urgency of people's spiritual condition.

Jesus clearly taught about the eternal danger faced by those who do not follow him. Do we really believe him when he warns that those who do not yield to him will go "where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth." (Matt. 13:42) It is uncomfortable to think about, but let's allow that discomfort spur us to action.

Right now, there are Global Methodist Church pastors ministering in regions of the world where it is illegal to follow Christ. Several have been hauled before authorities and threatened with death if they share the gospel. And yet, they still do it, and the house churches continue to multiply at a rapid rate.

What causes those believers to risk everything to share Jesus? They understand the mission of Jesus and the eternal stakes involved.

Multiplying disciples and churches is not a mere denominational church growth strategy. It is a response to the emergency presented by millions of people who are apart from Christ. They are in danger, and the Gospel of Jesus is their only salvation. And we have the privilege of making it available to them.

If it has been a while since you've sensed the urgency of reaching lost people, ask God to let you see the world around you through his eyes. Ask him to replace any apathy with a fire for reaching others that will result in steps of faith.

SPOTLIGHT ON
Planting

Lou Weber is founding pastor of Bridge City Church in northeast Florida. From the beginning, the church plant has sought to be rooted in scripture, shaped by grace, serving the community.

Bridge City Church started with a small group of believers who had a desire to bridge their faith with everyday life. This has led them to engage and serve the community by packing meals, assembling care kits for homeless, and more. The church sees generosity is an expression of their faith in Christ.

Rev. Weber says that the church's vision is to grow and form disciples. They seek to strengthen families and share the gospel as they serve their community. They are working to be a church where lives are transformed, which is visible both inside and outside the church.



ONLINE
MULTIPLYING DISCIPLES PRACTICUM

Are you ready to make disciples who make disciples?

Multiplying Disciples is an 8-week interactive online "practicum" that will equip you to be making disciples by the time the course is done.


You will work with others to:

- ✓ Deepen your own discipleship
- ✓ Practice a simple, tested disciple-making approach
- ✓ Instill the DNA of groups that multiply
- ✓ Reproduce disciple-making leaders

Recommended for a church team of a Pastor and two church leaders (though individuals are welcome)

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