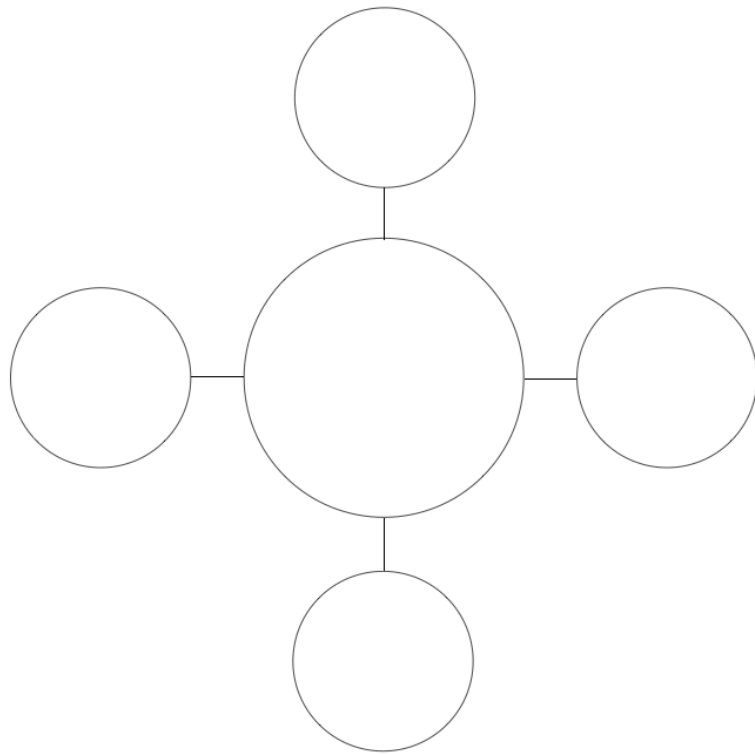




# MULTIPLY: How It Happened in the Early Church and How it Happens in Our Church

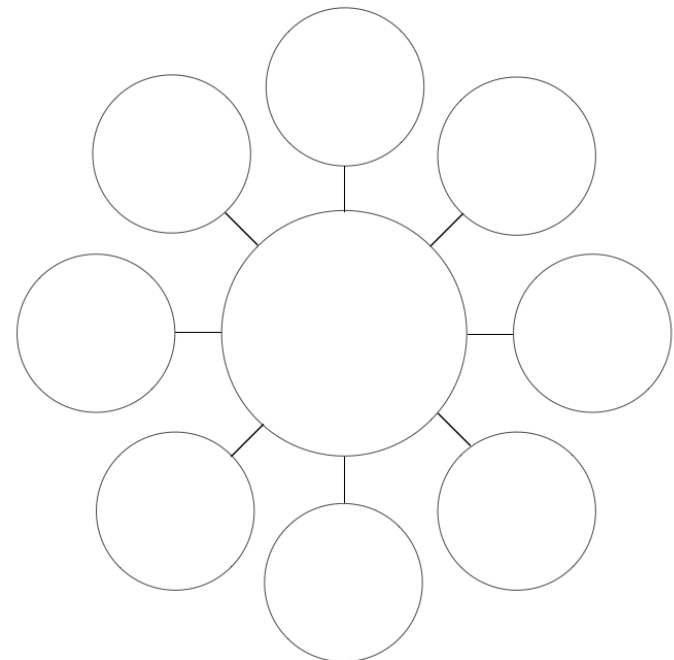
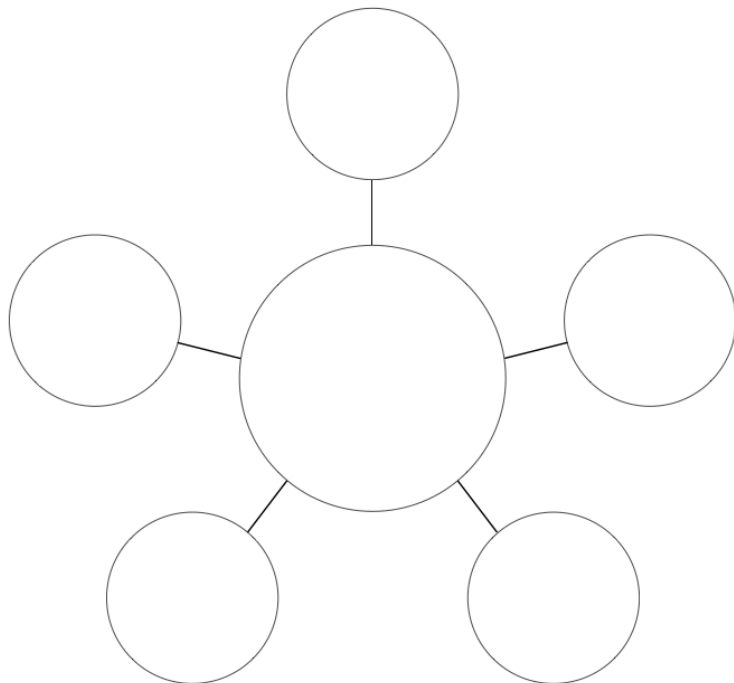
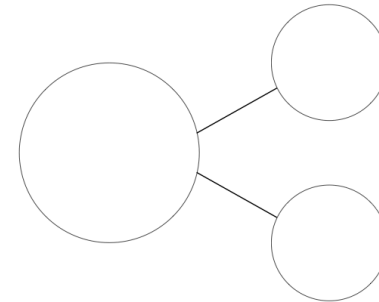
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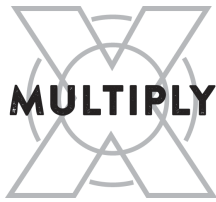
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*This fall we're jumping into the book of Acts together. We're calling our new series MULTIPLY. Our aim is to study and live the book of Acts together. Today we consider 3 practices of the early church and how they led the church to MULTIPLY . . . and how they can lead our church to MULTIPLY . . .*





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### **Connecting Together**

Welcome to week 1 of Fall Growth Groups! It's a week to introduce yourselves and get to know one another. Share why you've enrolled in a Growth Group and what you hope happens in these 9 weeks together.

### **Studying God's Word Together**

1. Read Acts 2:36-47 together as a group. What are your initial impressions of this snapshot of the life of the early church?
2. Thinking about GATHER, where does Acts 2 tell us of the early church gathering? How often did they gather? What two places did they gather? For what purpose did they gather? How have we designed our practice at Grace Central Coast to reflect the practice of the early church?
3. Thinking about SERVE, where does Acts 2 tell us the early church was committed to serving one another? (See also Acts 6:1-7) Where have you or are you serving at Grace Central Coast and how have you been blessed in your serving?

4. Thinking about REACH, where does Acts 2 tell us the early church was reaching beyond themselves to the broader community? (See the prayer of the early church in Acts 4:23-31 for another great example of the church reaching!)
5. It's easy to GATHER and SERVE, but not REACH, but all three together create the possibility and potential for MULTIPLY. Why is that? What are some of the challenges of REACH? How much is REACH on your personal RADAR? Why or why not?
6. We talked about 4 ways we can personally REACH. Which of those ways do you need to grow in and get better at?
7. What are some of the ways we are trying to REACH TOGETHER as a church here at Grace Central Coast? Which is new to You? Which is most exhilarating for you?

### **Prayer Together**

Read Acts 4:23-41 as a lead in to your prayer time. Pray for one another and for your personal and our corporate REACH.