

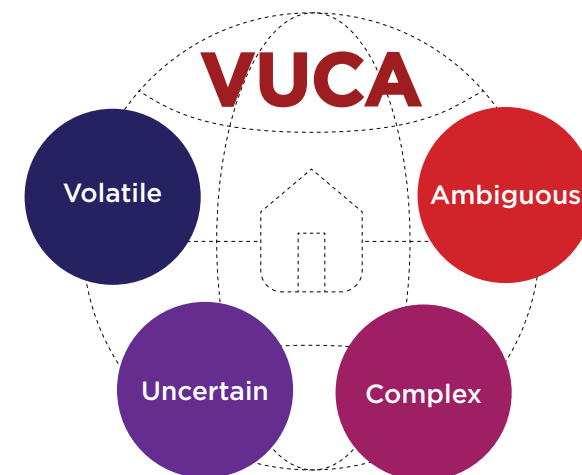
**EXPONENTIAL**  
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a catalyst to ignite  
healthy church planting multiplication

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The World and the Church  
are experiencing



The crisis for the church is multi-faceted  
and the church must adapt



**Spiritual**

Pandemic of fear and anxiety, hatred and violence throughout society as well as within Jesus' church.



**Missiological**

The Churches credibility and witness before a watching world has been compromised. Our corporate inability to deliver our message in a meaningful way has been spotlighted.



**Theological**

The church is being forced to take a serious look at our understanding of God's nature and his kingdom purposes in the world.



**Ecclesiological**

A fragile, unfaithful and ineffective understanding of the church has been exposed.



**Christological**

The church lacks clarity on the nature of Jesus and the centrality of his character and purpose in every dimension of its affairs.

is working with denominations, networks and ministries across Australia to stimulate the planting of 1,000 new churches a year by 2032.

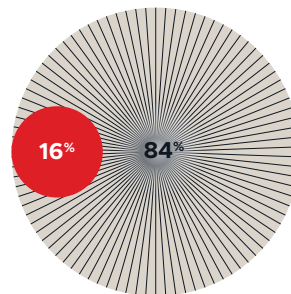


**A disciple of Jesus is committed to**

- › be with Jesus,
- › become like Jesus, and
- › do what Jesus did and is doing.



JEFF VANDERSTELT,  
ONE EIGHTY: A RETURN TO DISCIPLE-MAKING



Who is your customer?

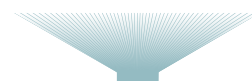
Spiritual Seekers

What does your customer desire?

A life that works

What is the best delivery system?

The Worship Service



#### WORSHIP SERVICE

To Receive ► 100%

#### SMALL GROUPS

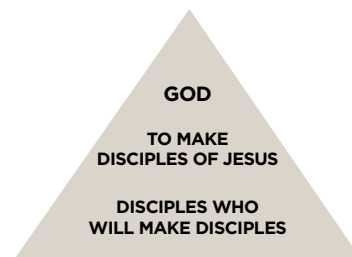
To Retain ► 60%

#### VOLUNTEERS

To Serve ► 25%

#### DISCIPLES

To Disciple Others ► 2%



In 2023 only 16% of Australia's population was connected with a church.

That means the church as it stands is unable to connect with 84% of the population!

3 Questions and responses that have hugely influenced the operating system of the church in the "west".

The typical church operating system in Australia is seeing only 2% of attendees at a worship service become what we would call disciples.

What if the typical church operating system was changed by answering 3 key questions differently?

# There is a PROBLEM



If current trends continue, the existing

**10,000**  
**PROTESTANT**  
**CHURCHES**

will decline to

**7000**

by 2030

In 2016, 50% of Australian churches were in decline

By 2021, 69% of Australian churches were in decline<sup>1</sup>

1. Sterland, S. (2023). Growth, decline, and planting by Australian churches: Results from the 2021 National Church Life Survey. Research Report 49. Sydney: NCLS Research.

In 2016, 2.5% of Protestant Churches were closing per annum

In 2021, 5% of Protestant Churches were closing per annum<sup>2</sup>

2. Exponential Australia estimate.

# There is OPPORTUNITY

## 4 Simple Multiplication Practices

- 1 Ask disciples "who are you discipling?"
- 2 Ask leaders "who is your apprentice leader?"
- 3 Train teams, not just planters
- 4 Plant pregnant

## 5 Paradigm Shifts to reach the 84%

- 1 making disciples who go beyond being church attenders to being disciple makers
- 2 reshaping the operating system that is common to the majority of churches in our nation
- 3 shifting the focus from church growth to multiplication
- 4 stimulating the focus of raising up and sending workers into the harvest to plant new churches and ministries
- 5 increasing awareness of the state of the Australian Church and that Australia needs many new, healthy churches to be planted.

**Healthy churches will both Add and Multiply**

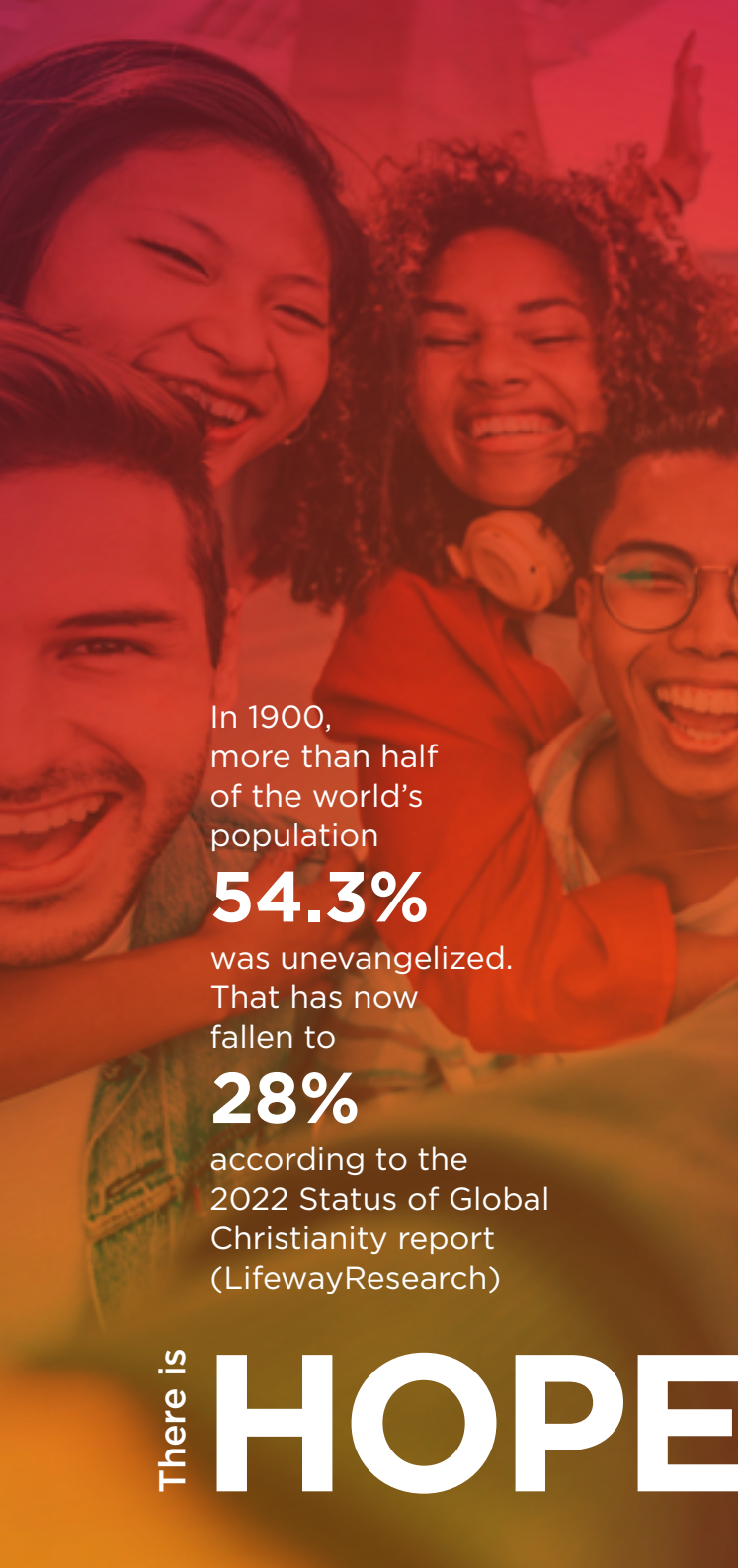
- > Preaching adds but disciple-making multiplies
- > God's plan is for multiplication
- > A healthy church planting model will incorporate both addition and multiplication



And God blessed them. And God said to them, "Be fruitful and multiply and fill the earth..."

GENESIS 1:28 ESV





In 1900,  
more than half  
of the world's  
population

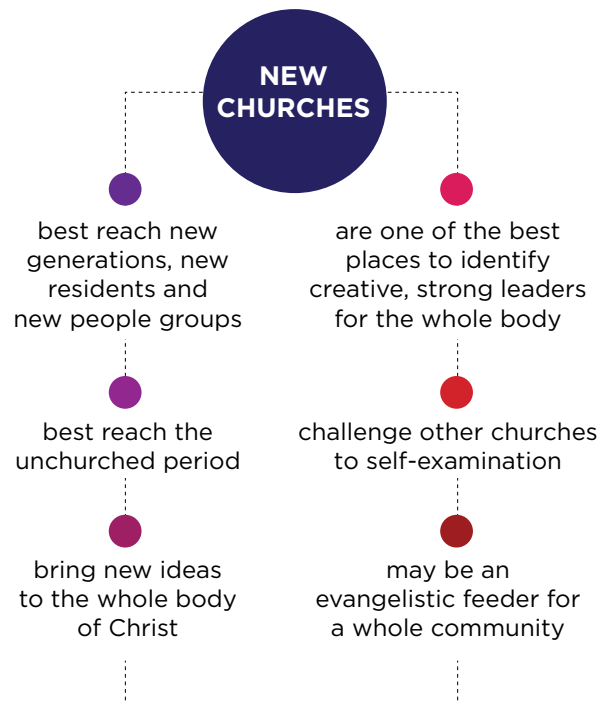
**54.3%**  
was unevangelized.  
That has now  
fallen to

**28%**  
according to the  
2022 Status of Global  
Christianity report  
(LifewayResearch)

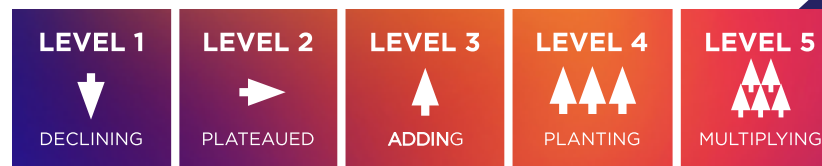
There is **HOPE**

## Why we need to CHURCH PLANT

Jesus called us to plant churches.



We need to reset our focus from church  
growth to church planting multiplication



so that churches of all sizes have a culture  
of multiplication and plant churches.

“  
Planting new  
churches is the  
most effective  
evangelistic  
methodology  
known under  
heaven.”

C. PETER WAGNER ”



Only

**1%**

of churches  
are currently  
planting a new  
church per  
annum.



Our vision  
goal is to see

**10%**

of churches  
planting in  
any year.



This would see

**1K**

new churches a  
year being planted  
and the church in  
Australia being  
renewed over the  
following decade.

“  
The vigorous, continual planting  
of new congregations is the single  
most crucial strategy for

- the numerical growth of the  
body of Christ in a city, and
- the continual corporate  
renewal and revival of the  
existing churches in a city.

TIM KELLER, WHY PLANT CHURCHES?

