



## **Matt & Katie Byrd: Small Group Growth Outline**

In January 2018, Matt and Katie's large young family small group divided into 4 new small groups with leaders from within the original group. Two of the young family groups still meet on Sunday afternoons, one group became multigenerational and meets on Friday evenings, and Matt & Katie began a "neighborhood group/missional group" on Sunday evenings.

### **Multiplication:**

- Set the vision early.
  - o Why multiply?
    - Set a vision for welcoming in as many people as possible.
  - o Who is going to be the small group leaders?
    - How are you going to equip them?
- Set the expectations early.
  - o What size is a good size to multiply?
- Once leaders and size are ready, have a strategy for roll off.
  - o Communicate effectively the plan to change.
    - Meet with your people.
  - o Give a long runway of communication about change before multiplying.
- Everybody likes change until they have to change.

### **Missional Groups:**

- Pray
  - o You can't make this happen; only the Lord can.
- Paint a vision with your small core group.
- Reach out to your neighborhood creatively.
  - o Neighborhood bible study
  - o Game nights
  - o Dinners
  - o Etc
- Make your meeting time "unchurched friendly".
  - o Present a solid spiritual component.
  - o Community, Community, Community.

**None of this works if you aren't getting into the lives of your people. You can't just be a house and someone that leads a discussion.**