

*Seek the Future (Mt. 9:35-38)*  
CHURCH MULTIPLICATION SUMMIT, 2005

Date: September 15-17, 2005

Venue: Cheshire Lodge & Inn, St. Louis, MO, [www.cheshirelodge.com](http://www.cheshirelodge.com).

Participants: We invited 60 ministers from regionally influential churches to come together to think strategically about our task of multiplying churches in America.

Purposes:

1. To envision strategic directions for church multiplication among the Churches of Christ for the 21<sup>st</sup> century.
2. To gain promoters and partner churches for church multiplication and Kairos.

Guest Speaker: Thom Rainer, spoke to us 3 times on Thursday on the challenges, demands and dangers of the 21<sup>st</sup> century for Christianity in America.

Discussion Questions

Question #1 – What strengths and weaknesses does our historical theology hold for church multiplication in the 21<sup>st</sup> century?

Question #2 – Question #2 – How can we strategically approach the task of church multiplication in ways that use the best of our theology and history and which meet the needs and situations of the 21<sup>st</sup> century?

Question #3 – What can we do to educate, motivate and promote regional church multiplication movements among our fellowship?

Question #4 – How can we finance regional church multiplication movements?

Outcomes:

1. A series of commitment statements about what each attendee will commit to do over the next 2 and 5 years. Have public commitment opportunities and collect commitment cards for prayer and follow-up.
2. List of potential personal contributors to Kairos church planting. We will hand out cards with name and contact information blanks.
3. Opportunities for Kairos to partner with churches in a church planting venture. Commitment cards have place for a Kairos commitment.
4. A follow-up action item (another meeting in 2 years, a website for continuing comments and other ideas) to be determined at the summit.

## SCHEDULE

### Thursday

- 2:00 arrival
- 3:00 Thom Rainer session #1
- 4:30 Thom Rainer session #2
- 6:30 supper
- 7:30 Thom Rainer session #3
- 8:00 Meditation moments (explain prayer and meditation opportunities)
- 8:30 Community worship
- 9:00 free time

### Friday

- 8:00 Breakfast & devotions
- 9:00 Question #1 – What strengths and weaknesses does our historical theology hold for church multiplication in the 21<sup>st</sup> century?  
Ancillary questions:
  - How does our historical theology support church multiplication?
  - How does our historical theology challenge or hinder church multiplication?
  - What spiritual and historical resources are available to us to use for church multiplication in the 21<sup>st</sup> century?
- 12:00 Lunch
- 2:00 Question #2 – How can we strategically approach the task of church multiplication in ways that fit our theology and history and which meets the needs and situations of the 21<sup>st</sup> century?  
Ancillary questions:
  - What are the implications of the challenges, demands and dangers of the 21<sup>st</sup> century for our fellowship?
  - What strategic vision should we be asking God for locally, regionally, nationally?
  - What might we expect if we do/do not strategically engage church multiplication in the 21<sup>st</sup> century?
  - What is the role and work of para-church ministries like Kairos in church multiplication in our fellowship?
- 5:30 Supper
- 7:00 Question #3 – What can we do to educate, motivate and promote church multiplication among our fellowship?  
Ancillary questions:
  - What fears does church multiplication hold for our fellowship?
  - What language, analogies, history, etc. can we use to talk about church multiplication?
  - What people, forums and opportunities are available to us to use to promote church multiplication?

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***No One Plants Alone!***

8:30 Community worship

Saturday

8:00 Breakfast & devotions

8:30 Question #4 – How can we finance regional church multiplication movements?

Ancillary questions:

What kind of supportive networks of relationships can we develop to enhance and promote church multiplication?

What financial abilities and instruments could we employ to promote church multiplication?

How will involvement in church multiplication impact the growth, health and finances of our local churches?

10:00 Concluding thoughts and final commitments

11:00 Leave