

Appendix II

MOVEMENT MATURITY MATRIX

Instructions

The Movement Maturity Matrix (3M) is an evaluative tool to help you assess where your church has strengths and where it needs strengthening in relationship to becoming a movement. The evaluative statements making up the matrix are based on the movement at Ephesus and characteristics that we see in the NT which propelled the gospel forward in all of Asia. A pastor, elders, staff, and key leaders can utilize the tool together and assess where leaders should concentrate efforts in order to help the church mature into a movement in their community.

The total column helps you see where you will want to give attention. Scores of three or less should stimulate discussion by your leadership related to reasons why the score is low and steps that should be taken to strengthen the respective area. The total row gives you an overall score on where you are in relationship to the movement continuum. The score is weighted as you work across the continuum indicating that the more weight given to a column the closer you are to the characteristics of the Ephesian movement.

The evaluative statements are generally meant to build from one to the other. For example, it would be difficult to say that a church can communicate God's story if it is not grounded theologically. Similarly, you would not say that a church can connect theology and culture if the church has not first exegeted culture. However, there is not a hard line drawn between each statement. For example, a church has APES-T leaders who are equipping the saints for ministry, but struggle to maintain unity and peace in the congregation. Mostly we hope that these statements are common sense as you think in the context of how the Ephesian movement exploded all over Asia.

	M1	M2	M3	M4	M5	Total
Launching a Movement	Church is grounded theologically	Church can effectively communicate God's story	Church has exegeted the culture	Church has connected theology and culture	The community's story is seen as a part of God's story	___/5
Grounding a Movement	Can answer the question "What is God's will?"	Sees the church as God's instrument in advancing the gospel	Church has a vision for the nations in their community and in the world	Church strives together for unity and peace	APES-T are equipping the saints for ministry	___/5
Leading a Movement	Church can identify leaders with good reputations in the community	Leaders are able to manage their <i>oikos</i> well	Leaders are equipped to teach sound doctrine	Leaders focus on equipping the church for ministry	Leaders are multiplying more leaders	___/5
Leading a Movement	Church is successful in making disciples who willingly risk for the gospel	Disciples are equipped to make more disciples	Disciples are discipling more disciples	Disciples are seeing G3 growth	Disciples are seeing G4 growth	___/5
Sustaining a Movement	Church has an apologetics ministry that is gracious in addressing community issues	Church has a social justice ministry focused on addressing issues in the community	Church is focused on the completion of God's mission of more people worshipping Him as their first love	The church's mission activity is focused on Jerusalem, Judea, Samaria, and the end of the world	The church is planting more churches in their community and world	___/5
Total	___/5	___x2=___/10	___x3=___/15	___x4=___/20	___x5=___/25	___/75