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EMPOWERING NATIONALS FOR MAKING DISCIPLES



Discipleship brings tough challenges when we can meet regularly with people, but the challenges can be immense when we are forced to do it from a distance.

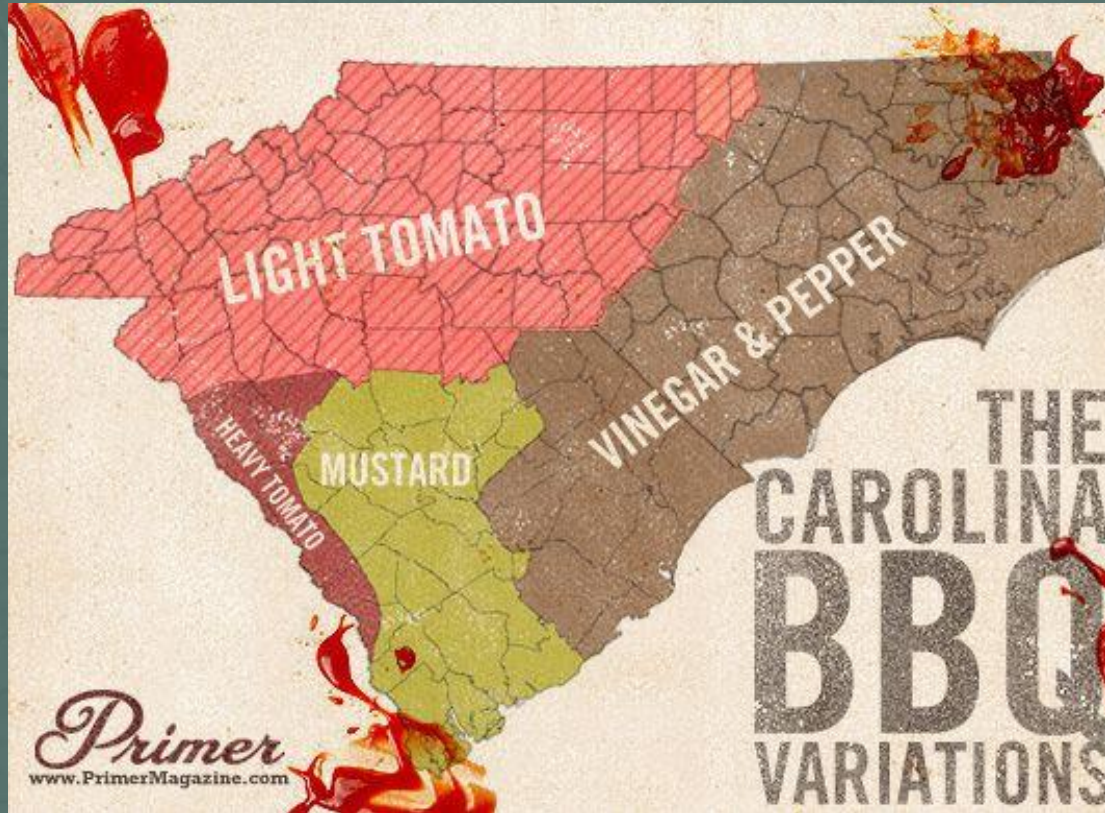




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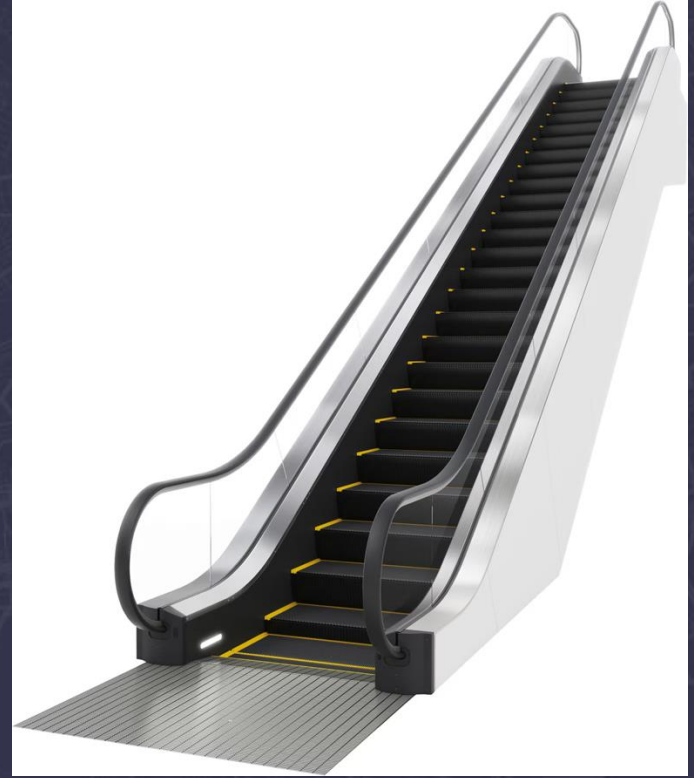


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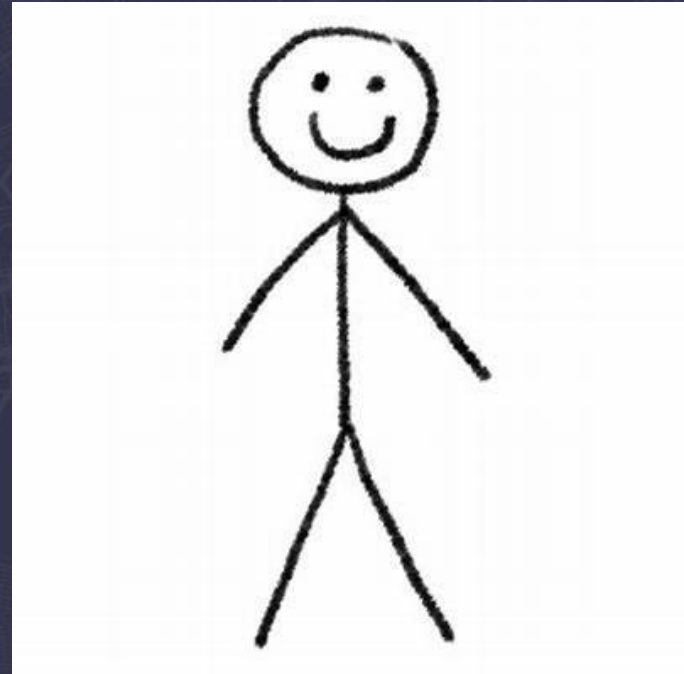


THREE KEYS TO EMPOWERING NATIONALS

1. Keep it reproducible.
2. Focus on the few.
3. Give real responsibility.

KEEP IT REPRODUCIBLE

Can you draw this...

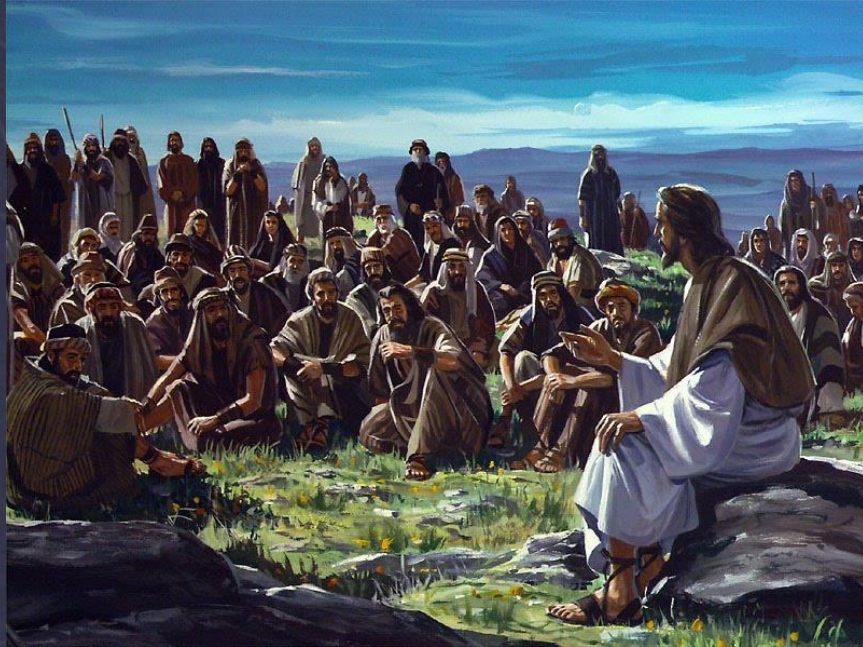


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- Goal: In our absence, we want national believers equipped for devotion/obedience to Jesus
- This may require adaptation to the needs and realities of the people you are discipling – orality, limited resources, time, worldview, etc.
- Modeling/Assisting/Watching while we are together helps us to see what is being reproduced in others and to adapt our discipleship for greater reproducibility



FOCUS ON THE FEW



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- The clear pattern of Jesus/Paul was investment in the few rather than the whole
- You have limited time, but if we can effectively disciple a few we can multiply ourselves – we would rather effectively disciple a few rather than poorly disciple many
- Look to existing national churches as possible partners in the work and as people to invest in.
 - Through national partners we can expand the mission force if we invest in them (we may need to teach new methodology to national church)



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- When working with national partners or new believers in an unreached area we must give them actual responsibility in the task – trusting the Holy Spirit in our discipleship
- Allow your national church partners or local believers in an unreached area a role in evangelism/discipleship of new believers
- Expect responsibility from the national partners or believers in an unreached area to avoid dependency/frustration



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