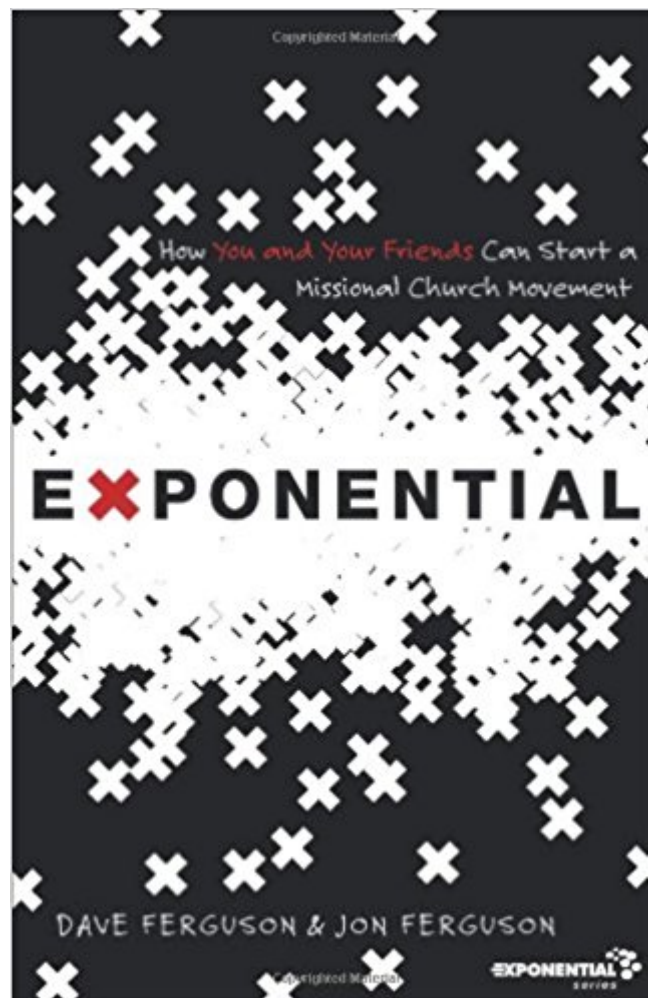




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# Exponential: How You And Your Friends Can Start A Missional Church Movement (Exponential Series)



## Synopsis

Authors Dave and Jon Ferguson communicate a simple strategy that will engage millions of Christ followers and challenge every church leader to become a reproducing follower and leader. Exponential lays out a brief but solid theology for a reproducing strategy, giving practical “how-to” for reproducing Christ followers, leaders, artists, groups/teams, venues, sites, churches, and networks of churches. Weaved throughout this book is the amazing story of Community Christian Church, which was started by five friends who used the reproducing strategies found in Exponential to grow one of the most influential churches in the U.S. and develop a network of reproducing churches. Many of today’s Christians consider the missional challenge of Jesus •feed the hungry, comfort the lonely, bring people to God’s Word •as inspirational but not something that’s achievable. Or, they’ve heard the challenge of Jesus and are frustrated with how little they’ve done. Jesus gave his followers this mission because he wants them to hear it, be inspired, and then actually do it. Exponential will show them how. Exponential is the anchor book in the Exponential Series.

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Dave and Jon Ferguson are two of the most gifted and innovative church planters I know. Their new book, Exponential, will give you practical steps and essential spiritual insights to plant a life giving and reproducing church. --Craig Groeschel, Pastor of Lifechurch.tv; and Author of It

Dave and Jon

Ferguson work on reproducing leaders and catalyzing movements has the great potential to awaken the sleeping giant of the American Church. It is a timely word for our generation of church leaders.

--Matt Carter, The Austin Stone Community Church  
Dave and Jon Ferguson are the poster children for ministry reproduction. It's what they live and breathe. Their story of the lessons learned launching Community Christian Church and the New Thing Network will inspire and instruct anyone who longs for a genuinely reproducing ministry. But be forewarned, reading this book might do more. Who knows, it just might unleash the unique ministry dream God has birthed in your own heart as well. --Larry Osborne, Pastor and Author, North Coast Church  
Jon & Dave Ferguson have been pictures and pillars to every young church planter of the kind of courage, faith, and sacrifice that is needed to start a missional reproducing movement in the Church. They are passionate about helping people find their way back to God and this book should be required reading to anyone that has ever wondered if they should start a church. If you are sitting with a dream - read at your own risk - but know that this book will definitely push you to take the necessary step of faith which will unlock the greatest adventure of your life. --Jeanne Stevens, Lead Pastor, Soul City Church  
To the pastor, priest, or peasant, we all want to be a part of something bigger than ourselves. If you're tired of God just for yourself, and desire to see your life and your church find its place on God's magnificent global renaissance, this book is for you. --Hugh Halter, Author of AND: The Gathered and Scattered Church

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Exponential is filled with practical examples, compelling vision, and inspiring stories. It will provoke you to reproduce everything at a time when so many churches are not even adding. Jon and Dave are not just theorists. I've seen their ministry up close, and they deeply care that people find their way back to God. -- Ed Stetzer  
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The church is a major part of God's heart for bringing his people back to his love. This book helps us to return to the reproducing-church movement, which is a fulfillment of his great commission. We need to see a greater movement toward reproducing churches around the world, and the only institution that can reproduce church is the local church. -- Marc Choi  
This book will be a great tool for young leaders and church planters in Europe. It's simple, to the point, challenging, and encouraging. I love it. -- N. D. Strupler

Claiming to harness the key to starting a missional church movement in 229 pages is a grand proposal. I believe Dave and Jon Ferguson have given it an admirable shot. *Exponential: How You and Your Friends Can Start a Missional Church Movement* says that you and your friends can be a part of something amazing. According to this book the dreams of impacting an entire city, and more, with the gospel of Jesus Christ can become a reality if one person is willing to take the first step. Are you that person? If so, I recommend you read this book. Do you dream of reaching your city? Maybe you have for a while but you've kept the dream to yourself thinking it was impossible or crazy. Well it probably is crazy but that means that God will have to do it and you will have to trust Him. The Fergusons tell their story that began just like this and trace it through the present day where they have multiple churches around the city of Chicago doing some really special things. The book is broken up into four sections: 1) Movements Start with One, 2) Reproducing Tribes of 10-100, 3) Reproducing Communities of 100-1,000 4) Reproducing movements of 10,000s. In these 229 pages you will find great wisdom and advice from experience, the information is very practical and will give you much to digest and apply right away. The word "reproducing" shows us thirteen times in the table of contents alone so you can be sure application and a strong focus on discipleship are a foundation for the book. I confidently recommend *Exponential* as a great resource to help you start a movement around the gospel in your community, city and nation.

As I am reading this book... every time I turn the page I am flooded with more and more practical application on how to use the principals in this book. This is not just a book of theories & concepts intermingled with scripture. This book is much more than the story of how Community Christian Church started doing what they are doing now. If you are a church leader... notice I didn't say church planter or campus pastor... but if you are a leader within the church, you MUST read this

book. It goes from the beginning that apprenticeship is the key for creating leaders. But they just give a compelling reason why apprenticeship is so important, but they also give steps that are transferable to churches & ministries everywhere. It's not a model of how to do church that will not work in your context... it is a practical application of how it worked, how it is working now... but even forces you to re-think how you are doing church, small groups, ministry & leadership development... all of it! Churches big & small need this book. Is your church facing barriers to growth? Has your church outgrown the way you have always done church? Has your church not added new followers of Christ in a long time? May be it's time to rethink the way church has always been done? If so, check out Exponential!

This book has been a go to book for several years. I am convinced that disciple must make disciples, and churches must plant churches that plant churches.

Although not a church planter or pastor, I found Dave and Jon's book inspiring, insightful, accessible, and enjoyable. The book's subtitle captures its essence - describing practical and concrete ways to help realize God's dream of restoring people into relationship with Himself. Sections are presented with a progressive and powerful logic; ideas and principles are driven home with cogent and concrete examples of both individual and institutional effectiveness; and the material is presented with a voice of comfortable integrity (not to mention Jon's sometimes-hilarious-sometimes-poignant interjections). In total, I was left with three main sentiments: encouraged that "just a regular Christ-follower" has a vital role in God's kingdom work, challenged to let God work in my life beyond my limited ability to comfortably reason and strategize, and electrified to see the reality of His kingdom advancing in the here and now of our culture. A worthwhile read for anyone involved in what God is doing in the world today - and that means me... and you!

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