

Can We Fund & Deliver Multisite?

Episode 463

As a church getting ready to go multisite, you might know who you are, have the right people and have a clear, documented model.

But at some point, going multisite really comes down to this: **Can you *fund* it, and can you *deliver* it?**

Can you actually pay for a new location so that it's sustainable for years to come? Can you re-create the main thing people show up for—the weekend experience?

In the final episode of this series, Sean and Jesse break down the last two Multisite Readiness Checkpoints: **Financial Strength and a Replicable Weekend Experience.**

Key Quotes

- “The more relatively lean that you can be from a staffing standpoint—without violating your church’s brand—the more you’ll be forced to develop leaders and teams to create a culture of entrepreneurship and ownership.”
- “If the numbers say you’re not there yet, that’s good to know now. Better to find out on a spreadsheet than to find out 18 months into a launch that you can’t sustain.”
- “It’s far better to pay fewer people really well than it is to pay more people less. It’s going to make you more competitive in a very competitive job market.”
- “Communicating God’s truth in multiple locations requires an intentional approach.”
- “If the weekend at the new campus feels dramatically different, you’re going to struggle to get people to stay there. Not because it’s bad but because it doesn’t feel like their church.”
- “Live teaching is a fantastic strategy for church planting.”
- “When teaching and service plans are ready and prepared early, campus leaders have time to resource their volunteers well.”

Self-Assessment: How Are We Doing?

Take the [Vital Signs Assessment](#), and then work through the last two checkpoints below to review your readiness for going multisite.

1. **Financial Strength:** Looking at our Vital Signs report with all of our per capita giving, cash on hand, debt ratio, etc. data, do we have the financial bandwidth to open *and* fully support a new campus?
2. **Replicable Weekend Experience:** What does a successful weekend service look and feel like here at our church? Are we ready for the teaching component in a multisite environment?

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