



## PIONEERING MOVEMENTS: Leadership That Multiplies Disciples and Churches

~Steve Addison

### ABOUT

Jesus was a movement pioneer who founded the greatest missionary movement this world has ever seen.

As the Risen Lord, he continues to call pioneers to his cause.

This is a book for those who want to obey Jesus example and call to pioneer movements of disciples and churches throughout the world, until he returns.



### STEVE ADDISON

Steve has spent most of his life studying and participating in movements that multiply disciples and churches.

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He is the author of *Movements that Change the World: Five Keys to Spreading the Gospel* (IVP: 2011) and *What Jesus Started: Joining the Movement, Changing the World* (IVP 2012). He blogs at: [www.movements.net](http://www.movements.net)



## REVIEWS

With an sensitivity to history and an ability to extract principles from the lives of the apostolic pioneers that have gone before us. Steve gives us an inspirational peek into movements and the people who lead them.

### ~Alan Hirsch

author of The Permanent Revolution

Addison seamlessly intertwines the biblical narrative with examples of how today's disciples of Christ are seeing the same miraculous activity of God. If you want to be a part of that movement that Jesus launched, you'll want to draw deeply from What Jesus Started.

### ~David Garrison

author of A Wind in the House of Islam

Steve Addison's third book on movements builds on his previous writings by inviting Christ Followers to become "movement pioneers" wherever they live. Pioneering Movements is filled with examples of such people from the early church, Christian history, and modern day movements. Steve makes a compelling case that God can use any Christ Followers to replicate disciple making, while also providing simple, practical steps to get started.

### ~Jerry Trousdale

author of Miraculous Movements: How Hundreds of Thousands of Muslims Are Falling in Love With Jesus.

The history of global missions is rich and encouraging, even in this complex age we can learn a great deal from those who have gone before. In Pioneering Movements, Steve Addison provides us with a compelling reminder of the importance godly leaders play in the proliferation of the gospel for God's Glory. His book is both instructive and inspirational.

### ~Ed Stetzer

LifeWay Research  
[www.edstetzer.com](http://www.edstetzer.com)

Pioneering Movements paints a picture of the difference between spiritual leaders who start churches and those who launch movements. Addison provides a delicious cross-section of the traits, efforts and focus of men and women, expatriates and nationals, that cross that line to spark movements that change their worlds.

### ~Steve Smith

author of T4T: A Discipleship Re-Revolution



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## INTERVIEW WITH DAVID GARRISON

### Why did you write *Pioneering Movements*?

Ten years ago I had just come out of China and was passing through Singapore. There I met with two men, both named Smith. They trained and coached leaders across Asia who were multiplying disciples and churches. I was a student of movements; they knew movements from the inside. I shared with them what I had learned about the five characteristics of dynamic movements—white-hot faith, commitment to a cause, contagious relationships, rapid mobilization and adaptive methods. Bill Smith and Steve Smith said I had done a good job. Their experience validated my research.

My trip to China had left me wondering whether my five characteristics should really be six. I felt I should add a crucial sixth characteristic—pioneering or apostolic leadership. When I asked for their opinion, they said, “We have never seen a church planting movement without apostolic leadership.”

That’s why I wrote *Pioneering Movements*.

### What is the book about?

*Pioneering Movements* is a book about leadership, specifically movement leadership. Not movements in a general sense but movements that make disciples and multiply communities of Jesus’ followers. Everywhere. That’s what Jesus did. It’s what he trained his disciples to do. It’s what he is doing today.

### What are the main themes?

In *What Jesus Started* I examined Jesus as the founder of a missionary movement who equipped the Twelve, the early church and Paul as movement pioneers. This book will build on that foundation.

I begin by sharing some of my journey. Before Jesus was a movement leader he was an obedient Son. We all have to learn that mission is not just an academic pursuit or a theoretical discussion of ministry models, it’s about who we are and what we do. We’ll never understand pioneering movements unless God shapes us from the inside out.

I explore the example of Simon Peter, a neglected figure in Protestantism due to the prominence of Paul. Peter was a natural leader among Jesus’ disciples and the founding leader of the Christian movement following Pentecost. He was chosen by God as the bridge between the Jewish and Gentile missions of the early church.



Steve Addison

## COMMENTS FROM STEVE ADDISON

### What are the main themes? (con't)

I examine a few of the many case studies of movement pioneers in history and around the world today. In two extended case studies (South Asia and the United States) I show what it takes for a movement to get to multiple generations of disciples and churches. I've intentionally chosen one case study from the developing world and one from the Western world. Both movements have broken through to multiple generations of new disciples and new churches.

For security reasons there is not a lot of detailed information available on pioneering movements among Muslims. So I've spoken privately with those who have firsthand experience and discovered that there is an unprecedented number of disciple-making movements among Muslims around the world.

I look at the relationship between movement pioneers, their teams and the local churches. I ask, How can we align our current church and mission structures to take advantage of this important leadership gift?

Pioneering Movements looks at the five levels of pioneering leadership in a multiplying movement and shows how we can grow leaders at every level. I review cases studies of churches who are catalysts for disciple-making movements. I explore the authority of apostolic ministry in weakness and in power.

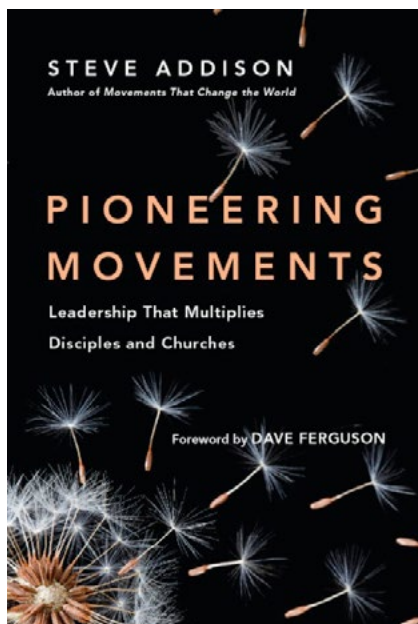
### What do Movement Pioneers do?

Following the example of Jesus and the first apostles, movement pioneers communicate the truth about the nature of God and salvation through Christ. They teach followers a new way of life in obedience to Christ's commands. Their purpose is to lead people to accept the message, begin to follow Jesus, share him with others and form new churches that become partners in the spread of the gospel.

### What do you hope the book will achieve?

Jesus founded a missionary movement that has spread throughout the world. It is God's mission; it will not cease until that day when every knee will bow and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father. The living Lord calls us to partner with him in redeeming a lost world.

To do that we need to recapture a vision of the church as a missionary movement and learn to work with the movement pioneers God raises up in every generation.



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