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The COH Vision, continued

Part 3

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COH VISION:

Our future direction

(What would we achieve
if we were successful?)

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Three questions

1. Shouldn't it be our dream to become a big church?
2. Was it a good idea to plant the Lakewood church?
3. Isn't leaving Broadview Hts. a defeat?

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Our commission

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The FOUNDATION of our vision

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COH vision preamble

“Community of Hope is a people who have found and are finding life, hope, and purpose in Jesus Christ through the gospel...”

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The COH Vision: A NURTURING COMMUNITY

“Community of Hope is ...a new community which not only **nurtures individuals**, but serves as a sign of God’s coming kingdom.”

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The Most Dangerous Place at Lutheran West









“It is written,” [Jesus] said to them,
“‘My house will be a house of
prayer’, but you have made it ‘a den
of robbers.’”

-Luke 19: 46

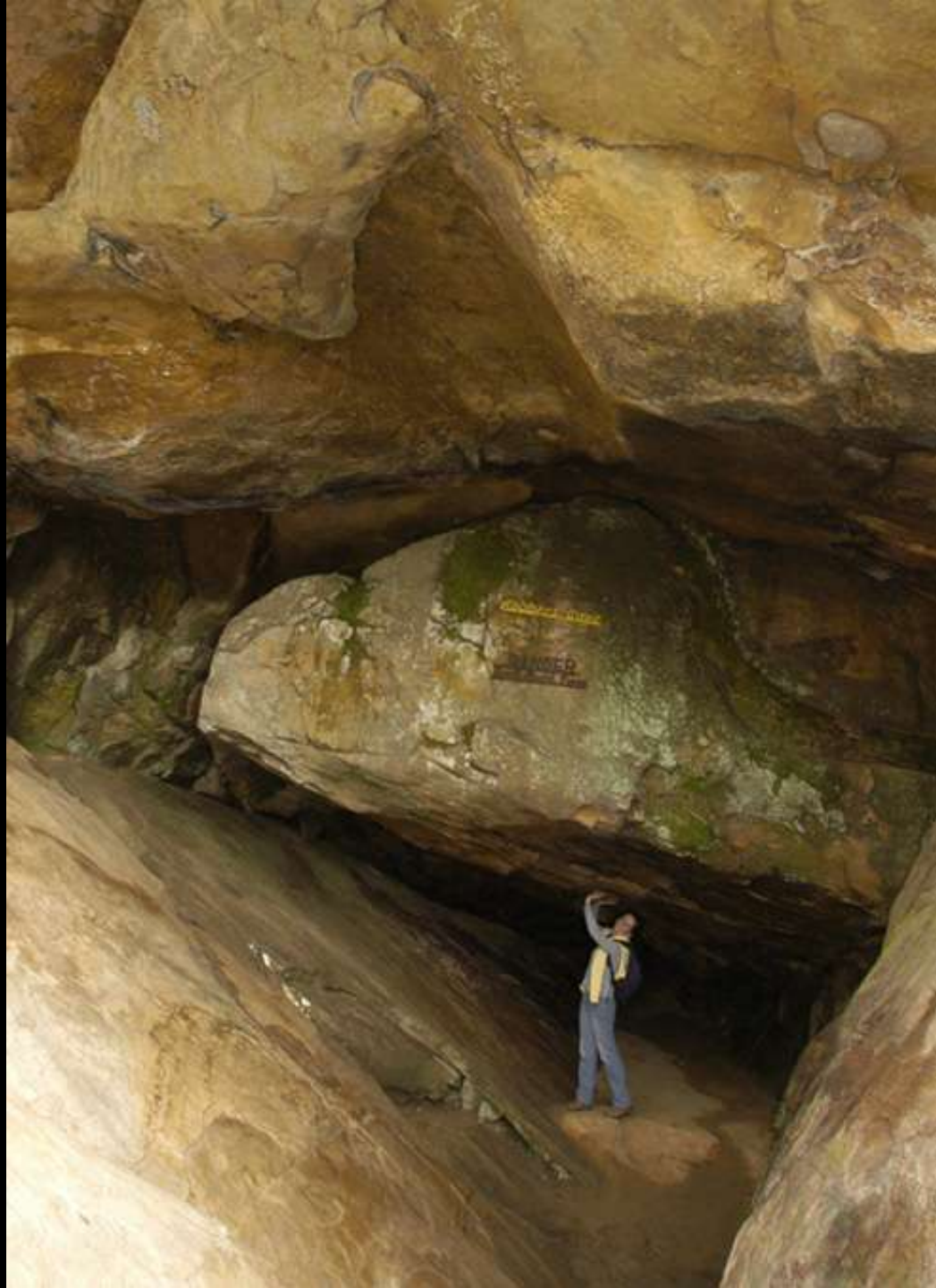
"THE
DEACON"

FRANK JAMES



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2000-2001
2002-2003
2004-2005

Church is dangerous...

...because you can use it
to hide from God.

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“Will you steal and murder, commit adultery and tell lies, and...follow other gods...and then come and stand before me in this house that bears my Name, and say, ‘We are safe?’ —safe to do all these detestable things?

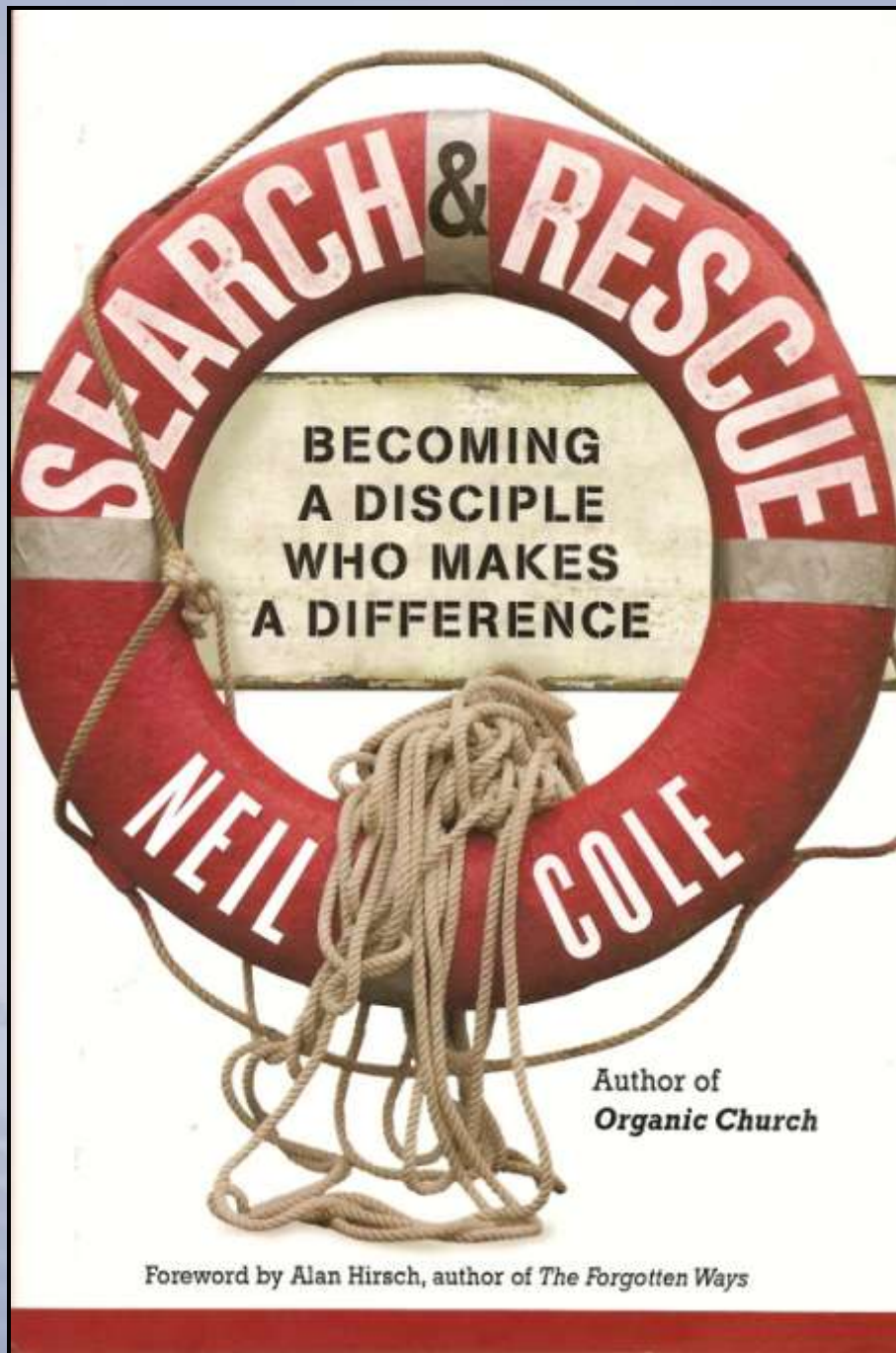
“Has this house, which bears my Name, become a den of robbers to you? But I have been watching!” declares the LORD.

-Jeremiah 7: 9-11



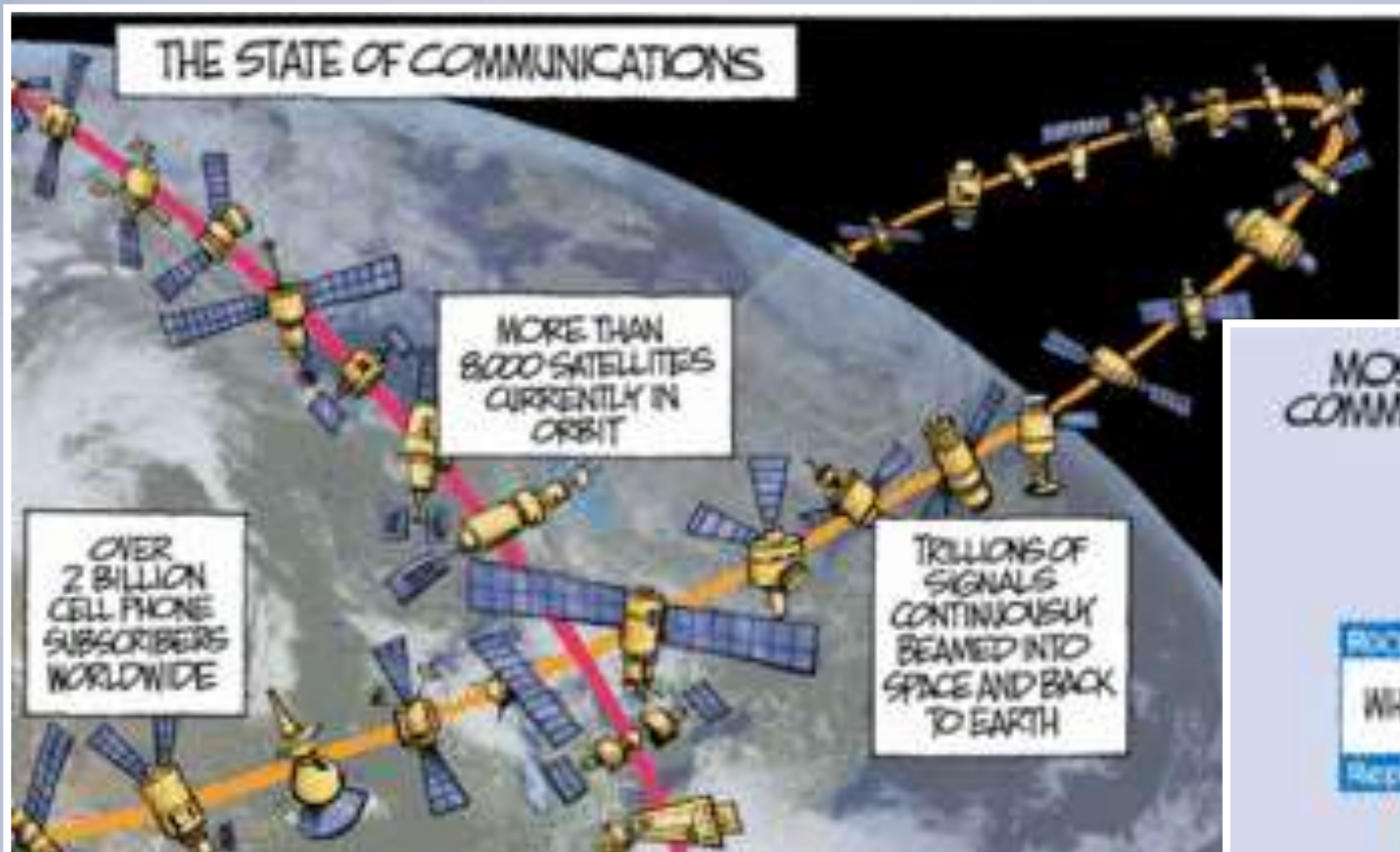
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“The church is suffering from a bottleneck of teaching without obedience.”

-Neil Cole



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[Jesus said:] “The one who hears my words and does not put them into practice is like a man who built a house on the ground without a foundation. The moment the flood struck that house, it collapsed and its destruction was complete.”

-Luke 6: 49

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1. “Shouldn’t it be our dream to become a big church?”

Our ultimate vision is not to grow in size,
but to grow in depth...

Not to grow more mammoth, but to
grow more intimate.

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The COH Vision: MULTIPLICATION

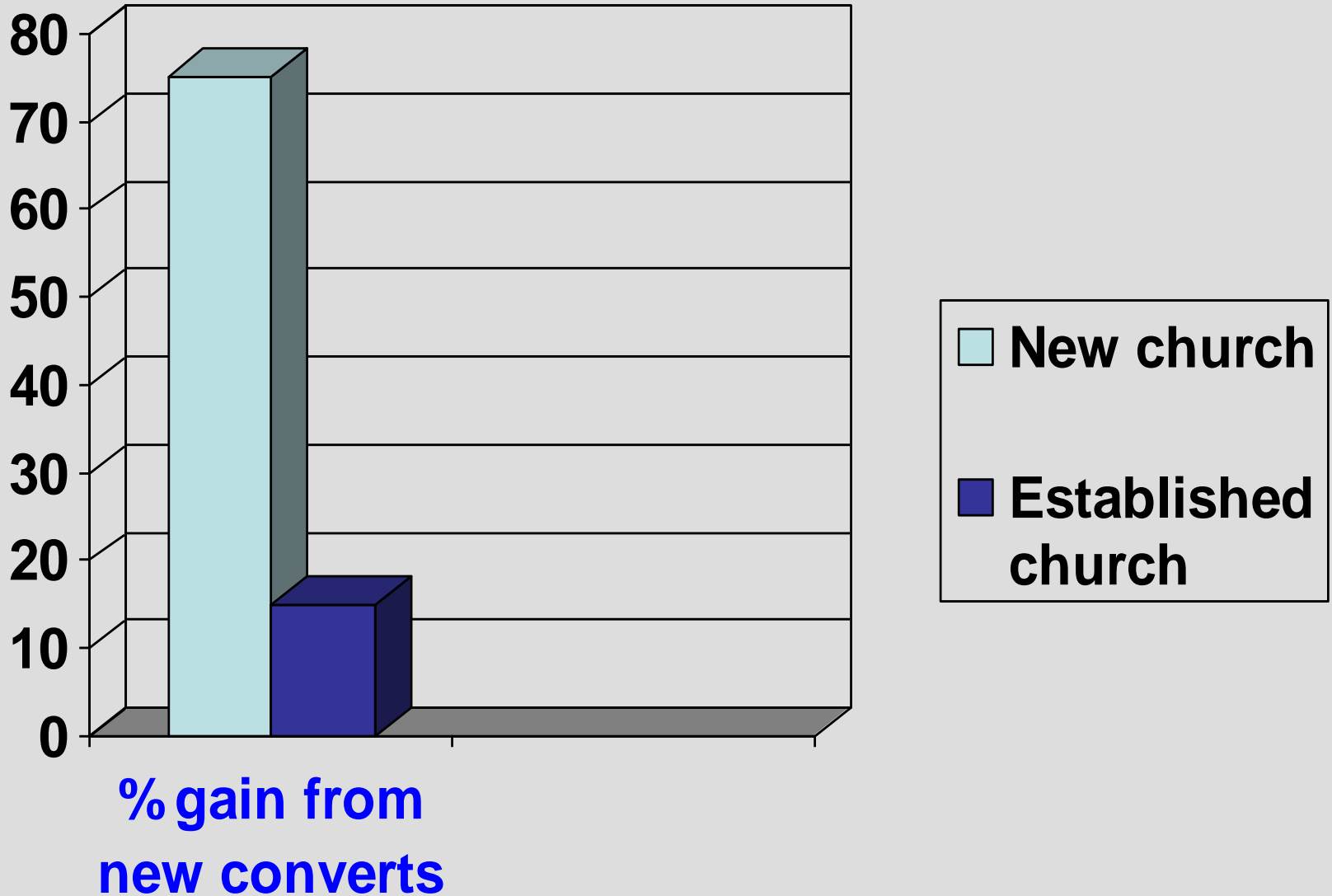
“We are committed to planting (and helping others to plant) hundreds of churches.”

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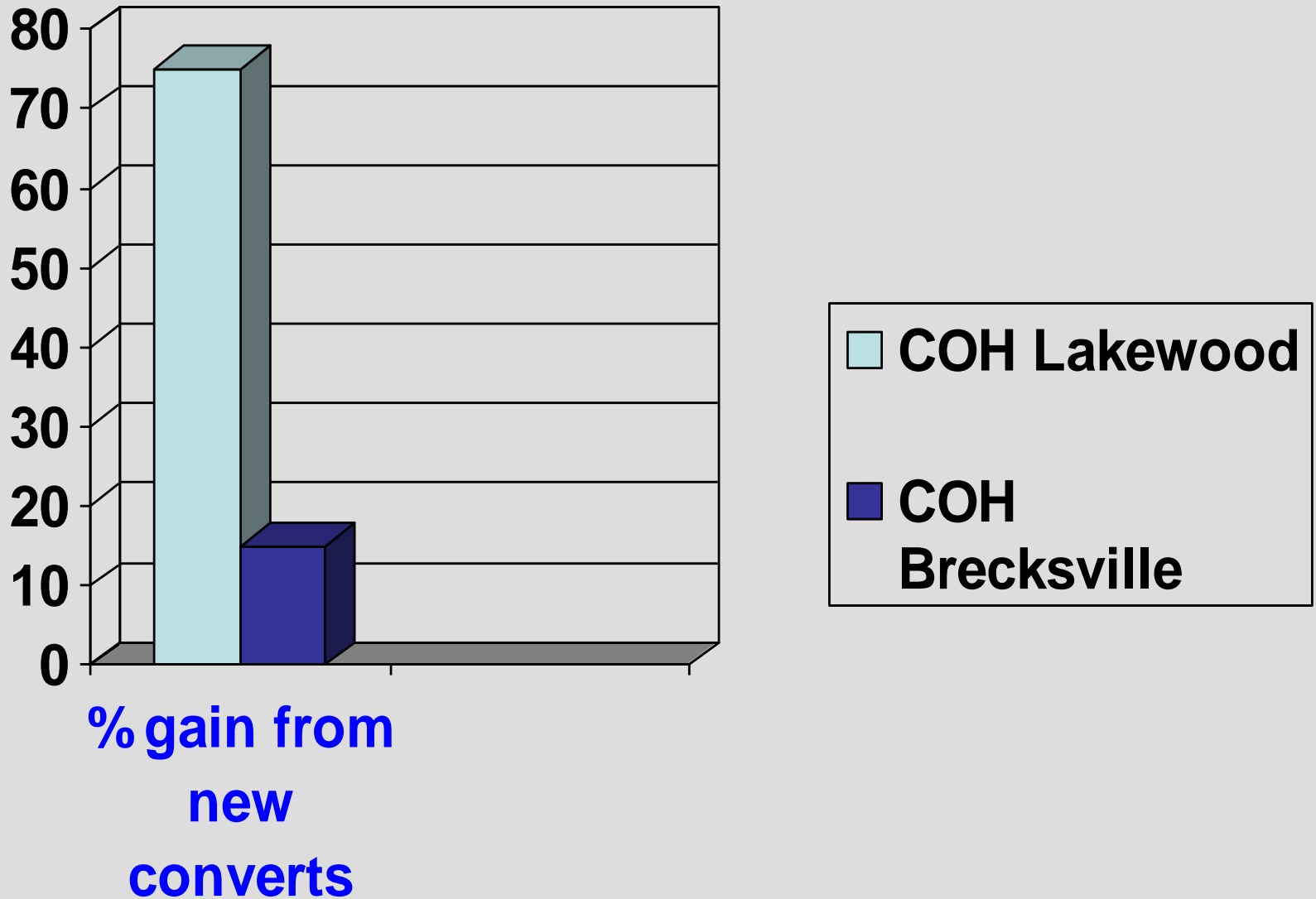
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Multiplication is STRATEGIC



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Multiplication EMPOWERS

...the things you have heard me say in the presence of many witnesses entrust to reliable men who will also be qualified to teach others.

-2 Timothy 2: 2

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Multiplication ENHANCES NURTURING

...let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds. Let us not give up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but let us encourage one another—and all the more as you see the Day approaching.

-Hebrews 10: 24-25

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2. “Was it a good idea to plant the Lakewood church?”

Church planting fulfills our vision by

- empowering gifted believers
- bringing more people into the kingdom
- increasing opportunities for depth

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3. “Isn’t leaving Broadview Hts. a defeat?”



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It may very well be a step forward, not
backward...

as we walk out our vision of
multiplication and nurturing.

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