

Planting Fast Growing Churches

Why wasn't
my church
growing?

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What are the
differences between
church plants that were
growing rapidly and
those that were not?

Five different church groups/denominations

- **General Baptist**
- **Southern Baptist**
- **Free Will Baptist**
- **Nazarene**
- **STADIA**

Criteria for involvement

- **Led by a first-time church planter.**
- **Planted in a city of no less than 30,000.**
- **At least 3 years old but no older than 6.**

A Total of 2,285
church plants
Qualified for this
study

Criteria for Fast-Growing Church plants

- **Self-supporting within 3 years after public launch.**
- **Average attendance of 200 after three years from public launch.**

**met the criteria of a fast
growing church plant.**

**Only about 7% of church plants
in U.S. are reaching this level.**

336 church plants invited to participate.

- 168 from each group
- About 39 % responded
- 52 struggling church plants
- 60 fast-growing

Finding Significance

- **3 sections measured by a T-test.**
(Anything less than .05 Standard Deviation.)
 - **Ridley Scores**
 - **Conceptual Freedom**
 - **Personal Support**
- **The rest measured by a 15% or greater difference between the two groups.**

Top 10 Discoveries

When Fast-growing churches reached 200 & Self-support

**200 - 78% reached 200 by the end of the 2nd
year. The largest percentage hit it from
months 19-24.**

**Self - Support - 83% became self supporting
by the end of the first 24 months. The largest
percentage reached the mark within the first 6
months.**

What Does a Church Planter look like?



Ridley Assessment

Visioning Capacity

Intrinsically motivated

Creates Ownership

Relates to Unchurched

Spousal Cooperation

Builds Relationships

Committed to Church Multiplication

Responsive to Community

Utilizes Giftedness of others

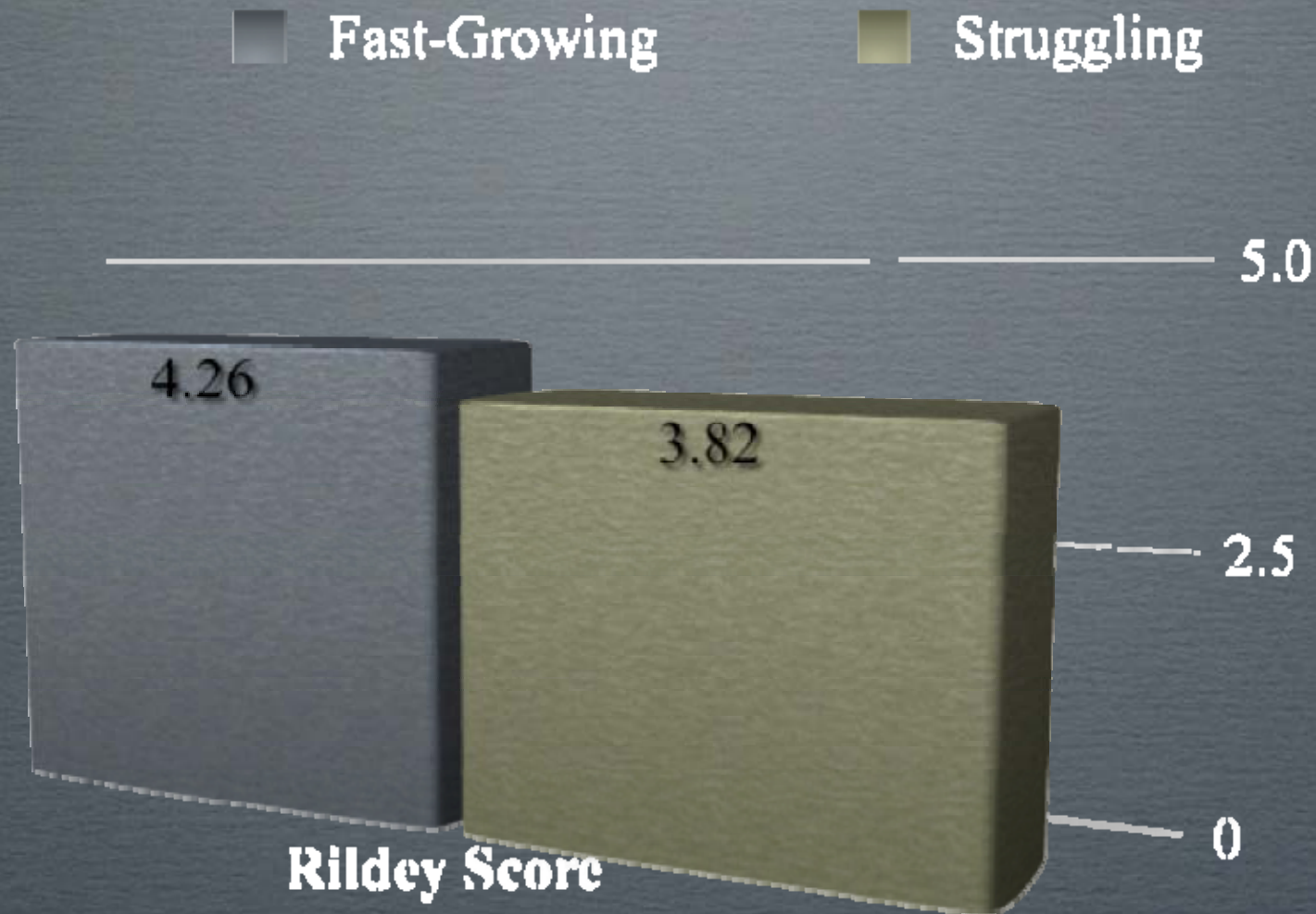
Flexible and adaptable

Builds Group Cohesiveness

Resilience

Exercises faith

Ridley Assessment Scores



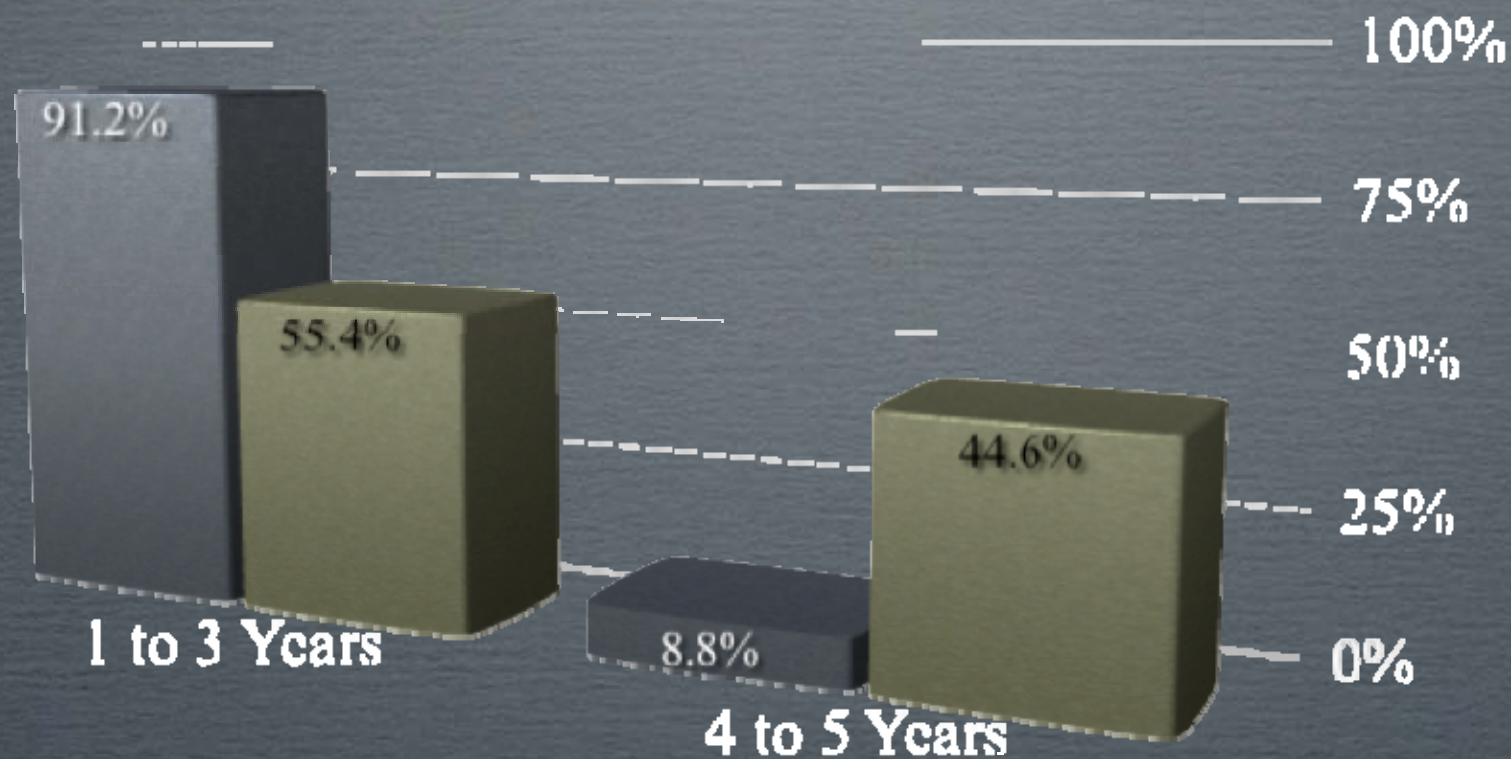
Years of Salary Support



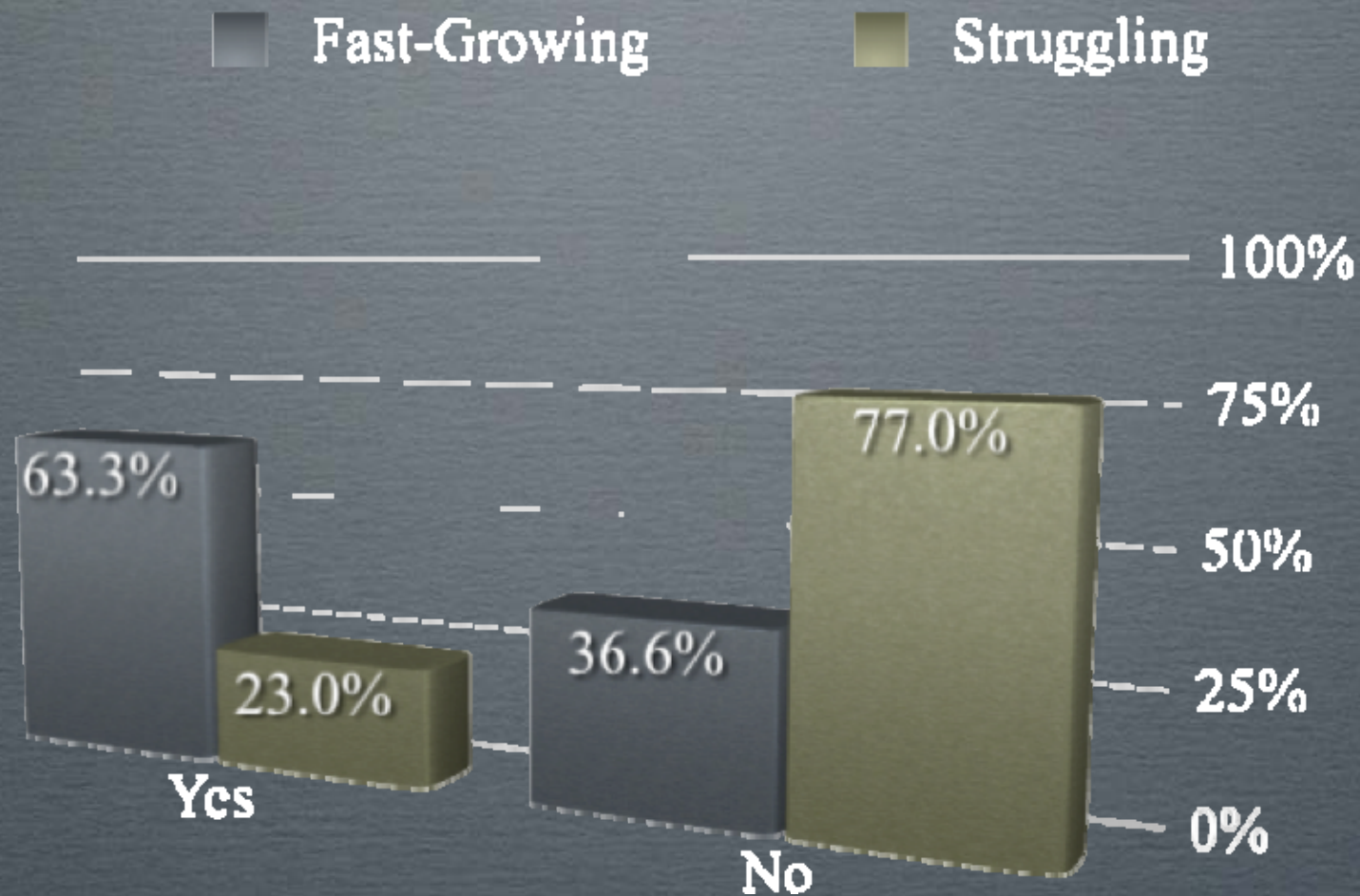
Fast-Growing



Struggling



Personal Involvement in Raising additional Funds



Conceptual Freedom - VISION



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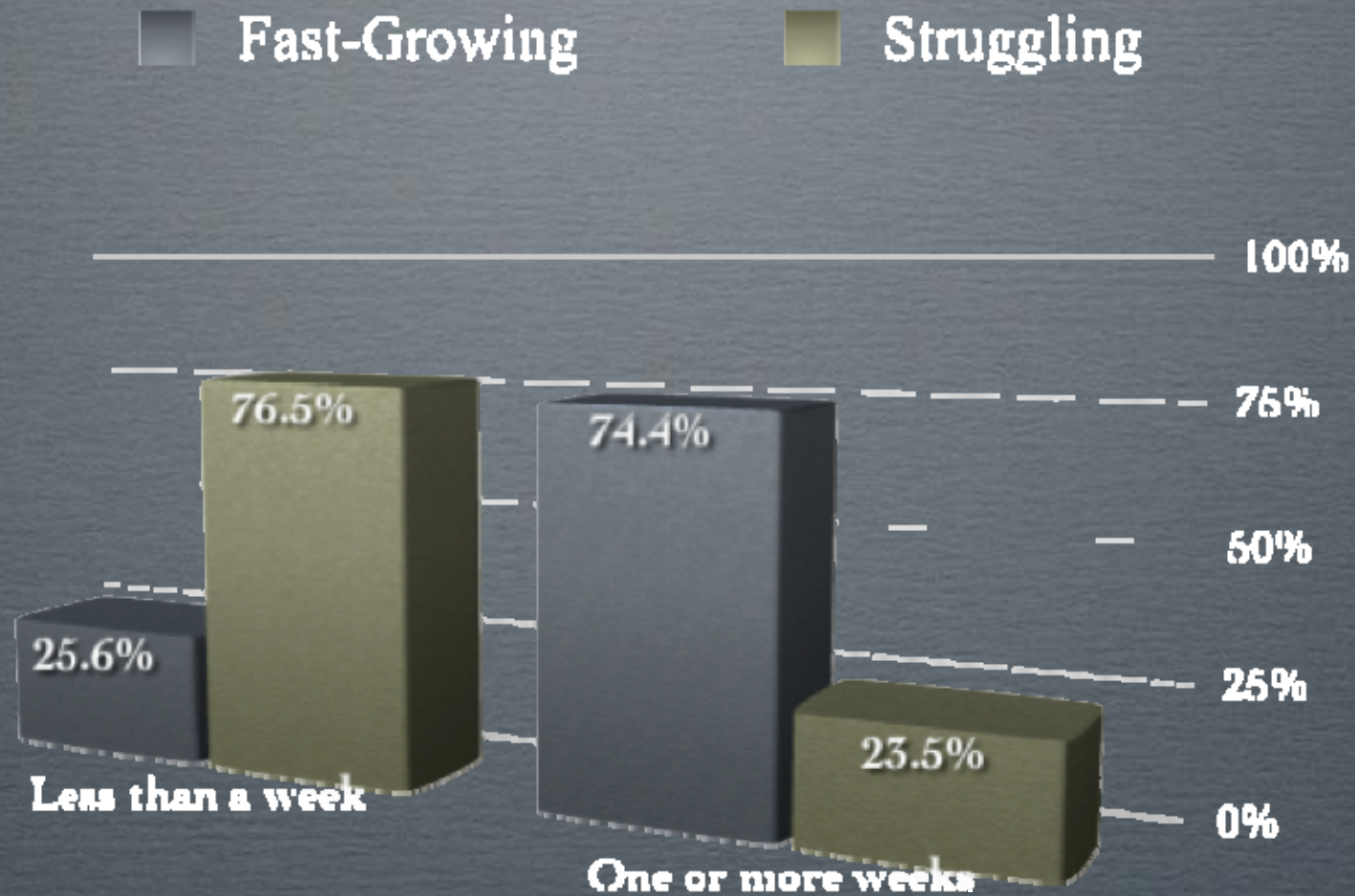


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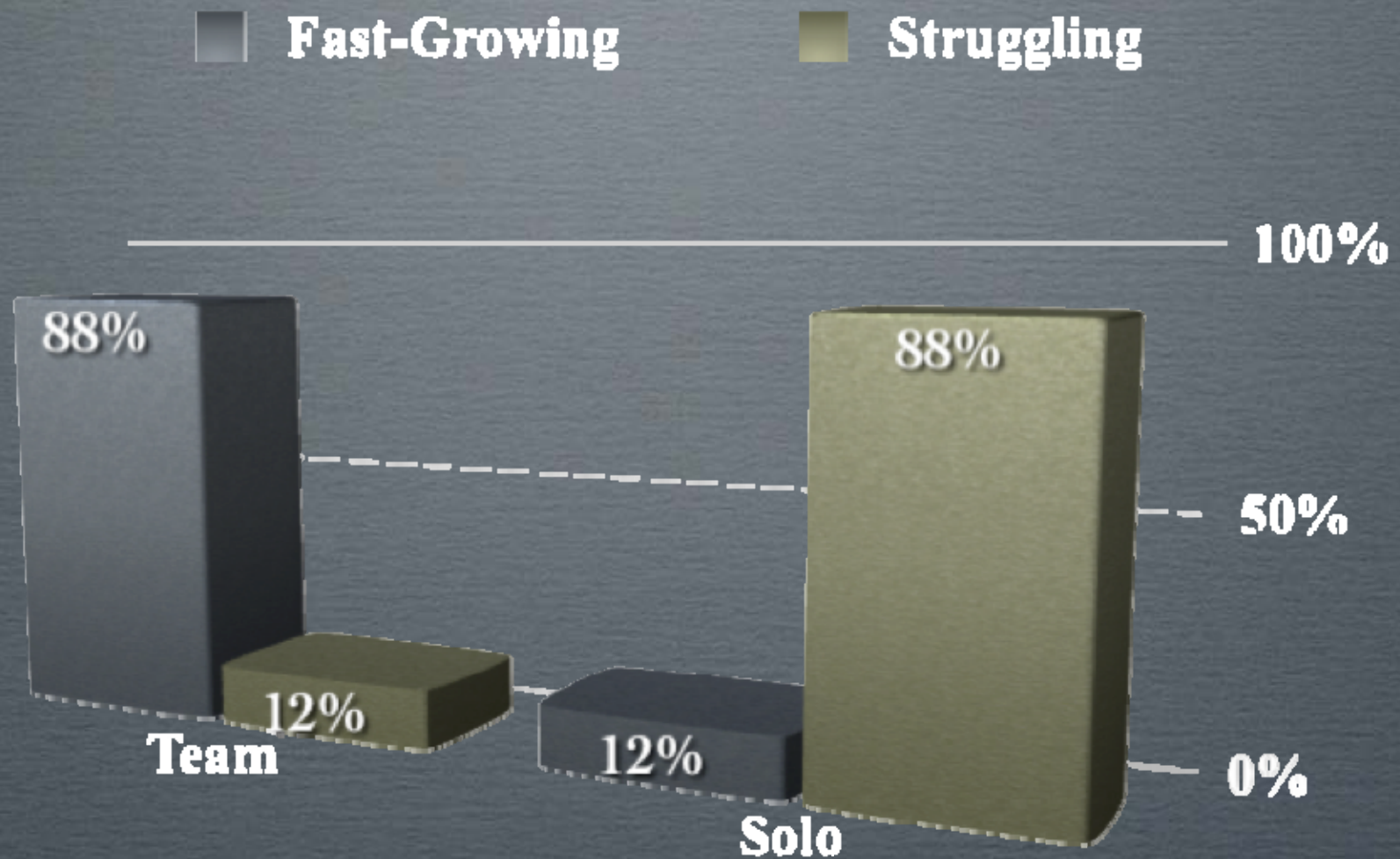


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Training Received



Team or Solo?



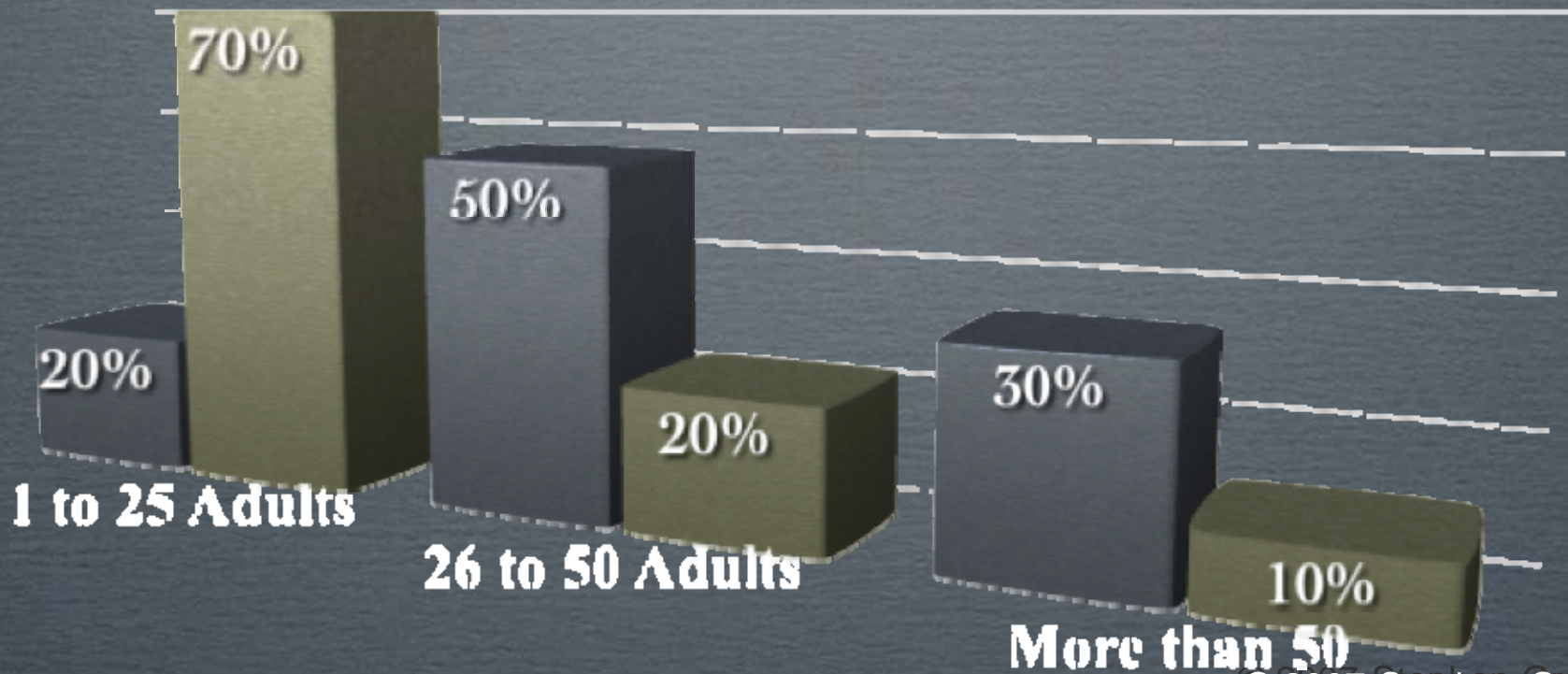
Core Group Size prior to launch



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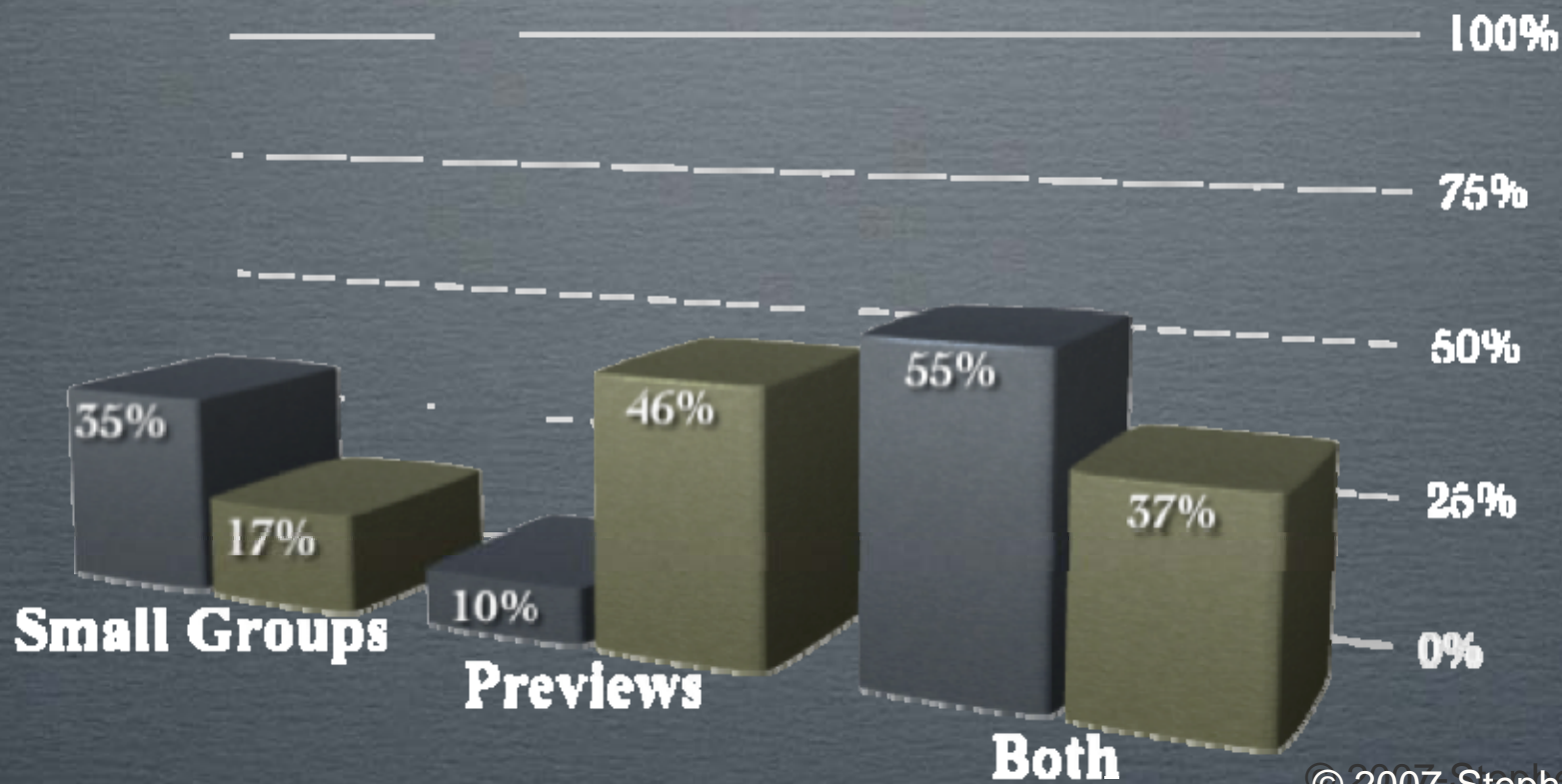
Method Used to Build Core



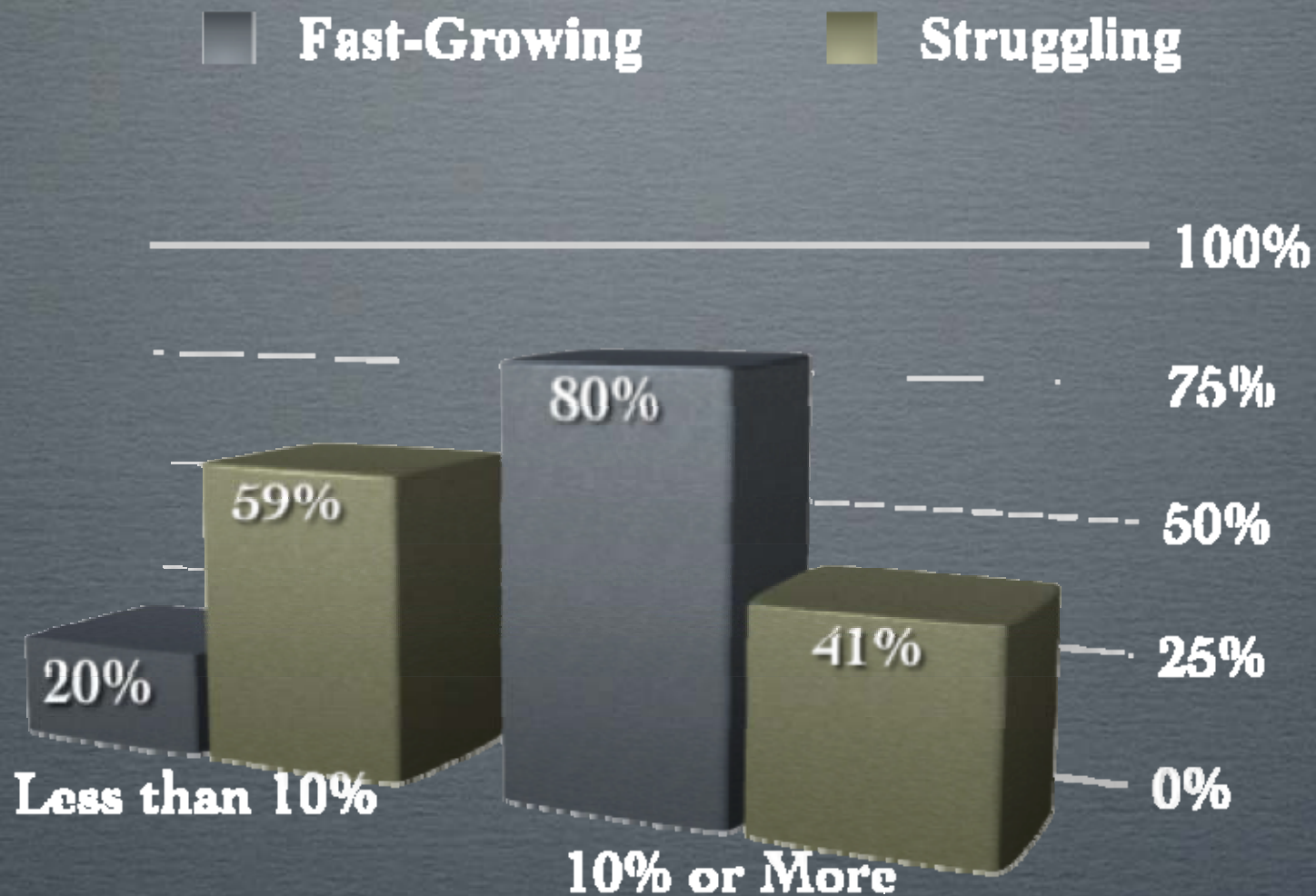
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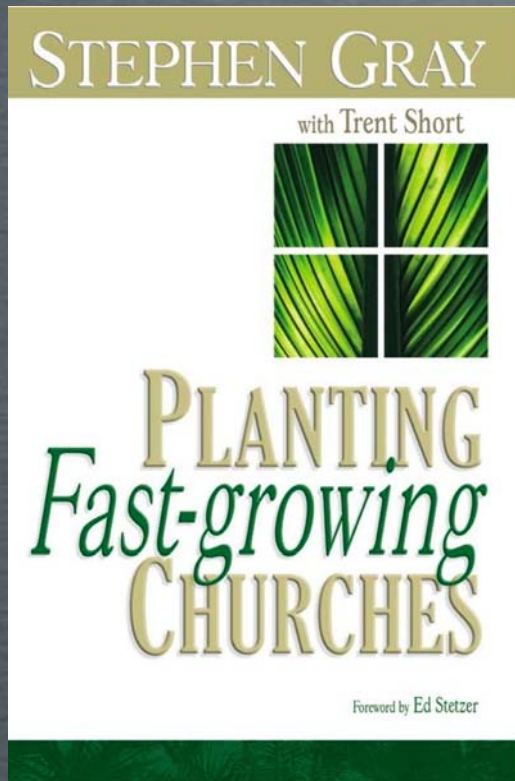


Gave to Missions



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