

The NIV version of the Bible is used for these questions.

- 1. The message this week revolved around the "Finishing the Task" initiative. What is it? Do you think it is possible? Is it Biblical? Can you think of a verse in the Bible that would tell us God wants this to happen? Do you think you have a role to play if it is going to happen and what would that role be? Pastor Rick said there are 2.4 billion Christians in the world, how many people would every Christian need to share the gospel with for the entire world to hear the gospel? Can you think of 3 people that you could share the gospel with?
- 2. Read 2 Peter 3:9 and 1 Timothy 2:4. According to what these two verses say, how large does God want his family to be? What is the implication of what these verses say to the church, to our church?
- 3. Read Acts 4:27-31. If we are going to accomplish our mission of sharing the gospel with the world as individuals and as a church, what is the first thing to do according to this passage? What should we be praying for?
- 4. Pastor Rick said that we need to pursue people who need to hear the gospel. What are things you could do as an individual to pursue people in your life who need to hear the gospel? How about as a group?
- 5. Pastor Rick talked about how at Grace we tailor our weekend services to be appealing to lost people who come and we share the gospel at every service. Other churches tailor their weekend services for Christians and rarely share the gospel at them. Do you have an opinion about this? Why do you think this way? Which way would you prefer?
- 6. At Grace Church, whenever we have a meeting where there could be an unsaved person there, we always share the gospel message. How could you use this as a tool to reach your friends and family with the gospel who do not know Christ?

Challenge: If you do no know what you would say to a person who doesn't know Christ in order to communicate the gospel to them, come to the "How to Share My Faith" class we offer at Grace.

## **ANSWERS**

- 1. Finishing the Task is the goal to have every human on earth hear the gospel message. It is Biblical because it is what the Great Commission is about when Jesus said to go into all the world and preach the gospel in Mark 16:15 and Matthew 28:19. If every one of the 2.4 billion Christians shared the gospel with 3 people, the entire world would hear the message.
- 2. God wants every human being ever born to accept Christ as savior and go to heaven, so that is how large he wants his family to be. The implication is since he wants every person to become a Christian, then every Christian church should always be growing numerically as we reach more people with the Gospel and Grace Church should never stop growing. God is concerned with numbers because every number represents a human soul that needs to be saved.
- The first thing to do is to pray that God would use us to reach unsaved people with the gospel
  and we should pray that God would enable us through the power of the Holy Spirit to do it boldly.
- 4. You could invite a person out to lunch or over to your house for dinner as a way to pursue them. You could look for ways to serve people as an individual or as a group so that they would then be willing to listen to you.
- 5. Let your people share what they think: Should we use our church services as a tool to reach the lost?
- 6. If you will invite people to come to any event at Grace, we promise that we will share the gospel with them and invite them to trust Christ as Savior. They may not come to a weekend service, but maybe they would come to a Bingo night, or bring their kids to a children's event. Once they have come and heard the gospel, you can then ask them what they thought about what they heard about going to heaven, which then provides you an opportunity to make sure they understood the gospel message.

At the "How to Share My Faith" class we teach you what to say when sharing the gospel so you don't have the fear of not knowing what you should say. We also give tips on how to begin a conversation about the gospel and how to conclude the conversation.