

SOLVING THE RELATIONSHIP RUBIK'S CUBE

Small Group Questions Week 8

- Read Matthew 28:18-20. This passage is known as the "Great Commission". In this passage what did Jesus tell his followers to do? Some people think this was meant just for the people who were there that day, most believe it is meant for all Christians of all time, what do you think? Why? What would be necessary for us individually to carry this out? *Answer – This passage applies to all Christians for all times.*
- Read 1 Corinthians 9:19-23. What do you think Paul meant when he said that he made himself "a slave to all"? Specifically what did he do that made himself a slave to everyone? What can we learn from his example?

Answer—Whenever Paul was with a group of people, he would adjust his behavior in order to fit in with that group of people so that he could have something in common with them. He did this so that they would listen to him when he shared the gospel with them. We know that he did not partake in the sinful aspects of any culture since he said that when he was with those who lived without any law he was still under the law of Christ.

- 3. In Matthew 4:19 Jesus told Peter and Andrew to follow him and he would make them "fishers of men". What do you think he meant by that? Does that mean that if we want to follow Jesus, we will become fishers of men? How do we learn to be fishers of men? *Answer—Jesus obviously meant that they would reach people for Christ by sharing the gospel with them. That is what fishing for men means. If we truly follow Jesus, we will follow his example and his mission to reach the lost will become our mission. The best way to learn how to do this is to listen to someone else do this. We can also take classes to learn what to say to them. At Grace we teach "Life in 6 Words" which tells us what to say when we share the gospel.*
- 4. If sharing the gospel with people is how we fish for men, in order to go fishing we need a pond to fish in. Who do you believe is in your pond? What can you begin to do to reach your pond with the gospel?

Answer—Your pond are the people within your sphere of life, such as family members, friends, work associates, etc. There are 3 things you can begin to do in order to reach these people. You can begin to pray for their salvation, then you can do what Paul did which was to pursue them by serving them. Ask them out to lunch, or over to your house for dinner. Thirdly you can share the gospel message with them. If you do not know how yet, invite them to come to Grace, they will hear the gospel and be challenged to trust Christ.



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- 5. Consider planning an event at your small group in which you invite unsaved friends and family to attend. Share the gospel at some point, or if you do not feel comfortable doing so, contact Pastor Mark at church and ask him to come and do so. You can contact him at markschweitzer@gracechurchco.com.
- 6. Consider going on a short-term missions trip to Grace Church in Peru. Contact the church office to find out more details.