

# **RETHINKING THE GREAT COMMISSION**

# God desires to save the lost

*(Luke 19:10 NIV) For the Son of Man came to seek and to save what was lost.“*

*(Gal 1:3-4 NIV) Grace and peace to you from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ, who gave himself for our sins to rescue us from the present evil age, according to the will of our God and Father,*

# God desires to save the lost

*(2 Pet 3:9 NIV) The Lord is not slow in keeping his promise, as some understand slowness. He is patient with you, not wanting anyone to perish, but everyone to come to repentance.*

# How did you come to Christ?

- Evangelistic Crusade?
- Radio/TV preacher?
- Church service?
- Sunday School/Vacation Bible School teacher?
- Family Member/Friend?
- Other?

# How did people in the Bible come to Christ?

- Invitation (John 1:46, John 4:29)
- Preaching to large groups (Acts 2:41, Acts 13:42, Acts 14:1)
- Sharing to small groups of interested people (Acts 10:44-45, Acts 16:13)
- Sharing to individuals (John 4:27, Acts 8:30)
- Through signs and wonders (Acts 5:11-14, Acts 8:6, Acts 14:1-3)
- Random (Acts 9:1-5)

**What are we seeing?**

People come to Christ in **Many ways**

**God does not want anyone to  
perish. Who is anyone?**

**That means any man women or child**

# God calls us to participate

*(2 Cor 5:18-20 NIV) All this is from God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ and gave us the ministry of reconciliation: that God was reconciling the world to himself in Christ, not counting men's sins against them. And he has committed to us the message of reconciliation. We are therefore Christ's ambassadors, as though God were making his appeal through us. We implore you on Christ's behalf: Be reconciled to God.*



# **The Ministry of Reconciliation:**

**As though God were making His  
appeal through **US!****

# The Great Commission:

(Mat 28:18-19 NIV) Then Jesus came to them and said, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit,

(Mark 16:15 NIV) He said to them, "Go into all the world and preach the good news to all creation.

# The Great Commission:

(Luke 24:47-48 NIV) and repentance and forgiveness of sins will be preached in his name to all nations, beginning at Jerusalem. You are witnesses of these things.

(John 20:21 NIV) Again Jesus said, "Peace be with you! As the Father has sent me, I am sending you."

# The Great Commission:

(Acts 1:8 NIV) But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth."

# What are we talking about?

- 22,000 in our community
- 100 people in our church
- Each person knows about 20 unsaved people.
- That means we already can reach 2,000 people.
- If we have 10 other gospel preaching churches join with us we can reach Alliance, just through whom we know.

# Where are the opportunities?

- Sunday School
- Basket ball courts
- Nursing Homes
- Meals on wheels
- Neighborhood outreaches
- Men's Challenge
- Alliance Pregnancy Center
- Vacation Bible School
- Food Pantries

# God has placed us in a certain geography

*(Acts 17:26-27 NIV) From one man he made every nation of men, that they should inhabit the whole earth; and he determined the times set for them and **the exact places where they should live. God did this so that men would seek him and perhaps reach out for him and find him, though he is not far from each one of us.***

# Geography

Jesus asked His disciples to take ownership of their geography



# He asked them to permeate their geography

*(Acts 1:8 NIV) But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth."*

# How did the disciple understand this?

*(Acts 5:28 NIV) "We gave you strict orders not to teach in this name," he said. "Yet you have filled Jerusalem with your teaching and are determined to make us guilty of this man's blood."*

**They filled Jerusalem with their teaching**

What does it look like to fill an area with the gospel? Multiple opportunities

**They took the gospel with  
them where ever they went.**

*(Acts 8:4 NIV) Those who had been scattered  
preached the word wherever they went.*

# Paul filled the province of Asia

*(Acts 19:10 NIV) This went on for two years, so that all the Jews and Greeks who lived in the province of Asia heard the word of the Lord.*

# They filled the known world

*(Col 1:23 NIV) if you continue in your faith, established and firm, not moved from the hope held out in the gospel. **This is the gospel that you heard and that has been proclaimed to every creature under heaven, and of which I, Paul, have become a servant.***

# What area has God appointed to us?

*(2 Cor 10:13 NIV) We, however, will not boast beyond proper limits, but will confine our boasting to the field God has assigned to us, a field that reaches even to you.*

# Think about owning a geography:

- Schools
- College
- Nursing Homes
- Police Department
- Fire Department
- City blocks
- Parks



# How do I share the good news

*(1 Pet 3:15 NIV) But in your hearts set apart Christ as Lord. Always be prepared to give an answer to everyone who asks you to give the reason for the hope that you have. But do this with gentleness and respect,*

# Man, what happened to you?

1. Do you have a story?
2. Know your story
3. Know how to tell it
4. Pray for opportunities to tell it
5. Be sensitive to the Spirits leading

# What are we talking about here?

- Everyday people initiating conversations about Jesus
- Every member of Christ's body has a part to share
- What has Jesus done in my life?
- It is difficult to argue with a testimony
- Start with those you know.

# Jesus said

*(Acts 1:8 NIV) But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth."*