

# THE JOB'S NOT DONE 'TIL WE REACH EVERY ONE

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*"Here is another illustration Jesus used: "The Kingdom of Heaven is like a mustard seed planted in a field. It is the smallest of all seeds, but it becomes the largest of garden plants; it grows into a tree, and birds come and make nests in its branches." (Matthew 13:31–32, NLT)*

## Three Kinds of Church Growth

- BIOLOGICAL.
- TRANSFER.
- KINGDOM.

## WHY WE BELIEVE IN CHURCH GROWTH

### 1. BECAUSE JESUS COMMANDS IT.

*"Go, then, to all peoples everywhere and make them my disciples: baptize them in the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, and teach them to obey everything I have commanded you. And I will be with you always, to the end of the age." (Matthew 28:19–20, GNB)*

*"But my life is worth nothing to me unless I use it for finishing the work assigned me by the Lord Jesus—the work of telling others the Good News about the wonderful grace of God." (Acts 20:24, NLT)*

### 2. BECAUSE PEOPLE NEED IT.

*"When Jesus arrived, he saw this huge crowd. At the sight of them, his heart broke—like sheep with no shepherd they were. He went right to work..." (Mark 6:34, The Message)*

As long as there is even ONE person without Christ in our area  
we must keep reaching out!

*"[God] wants everyone to be saved and to understand the truth." (1 Timothy 2:3–4, NLT)*

*"[God] is not willing that any should perish..." (2 Peter 3:9, The Living Bible)*

### 3. BECAUSE JESUS WANTS TO GROW HIS CHURCH.

*"...I will build my church; and all the powers of hell shall not prevail against it." (Matthew 16:18, The Living Bible)*

- The Sower & the Seed – Matt. 13:1-23
- The Fig Tree – Luke 13:6-9
- The Yeast – Matt. 13:33
- Parable of Great Banquet – Luke 14:15-24

*“Then the master told his servant, ‘Go out to the roads and country lanes and compel them to come in, so that my house will be full.” (Luke 14:23, NIV)*

#### 4. BECAUSE GROWTH IS A NATURAL OUTCOME OF HEALTH.

*“...Under Christ’s control the whole body is nourished and...it grows as God wants it to grow.” (Colossians 2:19, GNB)*

*“So the churches grew strong in the faith, as well as growing daily in numbers.” (Acts 16:5, NJB)*

##### **Example: The church at Jerusalem**

*“...about 120 believers were together in one place...” (Acts 1:15, NLT)*

*“Those who believed what Peter said were baptized and added to the church that day—about 3,000 in all.” (Acts 2:41, NLT)*

*“...And each day the Lord added to their fellowship...” (Acts 2:47, NLT)*

*“But many of the people who heard their message believed it, so the number of men who believed now totaled about 5,000.” (Acts 4:4, NLT)*

*“Yet more and more people believed and were brought to the Lord...” (Acts 5:14, NLT)*

*“the believers rapidly multiplied...” (Acts 6:1, NLT)*

*“...My friend, you can see how many tens of thousands of our people have become followers!” (Acts 21:20, CEV)*

##### **EXCUSES FOR NOT GROWING**

- “God isn’t interested in numbers.”
- “Our church wants quality, not quantity.”
- “Large churches are impersonal!”

#### 5. BECAUSE ETERNITY RESTS ON IT.

*“And the Good News about the Kingdom will be preached throughout the whole world, so that all nations will hear it; and then the end will come.” (Matthew 24:14, NLT)*

## **WHAT CAN I DO TO HELP MY CHURCH GROW?**

1. **COMMIT** TO A “GUEST FIRST” MINDSET.
2. **SERVE** IN A WEEKLY MINISTRY.
3. PRAY FOR & **INVITE** PEOPLE WHO NEED A CHURCH HOME REGULARLY.
4. TAKE **HOME** CLASS AND BECOME A HOME RUN HERO!