



WINTER 2026 // WEEK 7

GrowGroup Questions

Sermon Based Groups // March 8, 2026

Pastor Pat Finley // Acts 11:19-21; 13:1-4

Unrelenting Pursuit of the Lost



Introduction

This Sunday our message is brought to us by Pastor Pat, as a windup to our missions emphasis weekends and additionally as an addendum to the most recent sermon series, “Doing Church Right.”

We encourage you to take some time to read through the questions on the following pages and jot down your thoughts before meeting with your group. Many people also find it helpful to use these questions as a guide for taking notes during the sermon. The purpose of these questions is to spark reflection and encourage meaningful conversation. Remember, you don’t need to work through every single question each week—focus on the ones that are most helpful for you and your group.

Getting Started

Transition into group discussion.

- 1) Open group discussion with prayer.
- 2) Choose someone to read the passage(s) aloud for the group.

Study Questions *(Suggested time: 30-40 min)*

1. James 1:22 exhorts believers to be, “doers of the word,” What do you think he means when he says if you are simply just a *hearer* you might be deceiving yourself?
2. In James 1:22-23 he compares God’s word to a mirror. How does this apply positively? How might it apply negatively?
3. In Acts 11:26 we see the believers were first called Christians because of their behavior (not simply their beliefs). What are some observable behaviors that Christians should exhibit that might confound unbelievers? See also Matt. 5:16.
4. Are you surprised that Jesus said, “the laborers are few?” (Matt. 9:38) Taking an honest self-inventory, how does this verse speak to you?

5. What would you need to change in order to become more of a *doer of the word* and DO the Great Commission? What's holding you back?

Personal Spiritual Exercises

Scripture Focus: Most Christians want to do more for the Kingdom. How might you make yourself accountable to your desire to obey Christ? If you feel comfortable share your thoughts with the group.

Prayer *(Suggested time: 10-15 min)*

A meaningful part of “coming together” is being open and genuine about our lives. For some, praying in a group may feel very natural, while for others it may feel new or uncomfortable. If you would prefer not to pray aloud, you're welcome to pray silently and simply say “Amen” when you're finished, signaling the next person to pray. Whether spoken or silent, every prayer is part of this shared time in God's presence.

1. Pray for each other to be bold in witnessing Jesus this week.
2. Take a few moments to think about a prayer request. What are you currently going through that you are still waiting to see how God is going to be glorified? Consider making a prayer request.

Then He said to His disciples, “The harvest truly is plentiful, but the laborers are few. Therefore pray the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into His harvest.” Matt. 9: 37-38 NKJV