

In the Word for Feb. 23, 2020

Growing Where You Are

When we consider Christ's Church (His Kingdom), we must never have a "grasshopper complex". We can't attack those people; they are _____ than we are," they cried. "We seemed like _____ in our own eyes and we looked the same to them." (Num. 13: 32,33)

The grasshopper complex results in a life that is lived in fear, as opposed to one which is lived by faith. For the kingdom at Oak Grove to grow with souls brought to the saving knowledge of Jesus, you and I must start (if we are not doing so now) and continue to grow spiritually FIRST right where you are. So, what are some ways in which we may help this to happen?

1. Believe that the church _____ to the Lord Jesus Christ. (Matt. 16:18; Acts 1:1)
2. Believe that lost people are _____. (Luke 15)
3. Believe that Jesus Christ left us with a clear _____. (Matt. 28:18-20; Col. 1:28-29)
4. Believe that the _____ is the power of _____ for salvation. (Rom. 1: 14-16) I am not ashamed of the Gospel.
5. Believe that God wants His _____ among every people group on earth. (2 Cor. 5:17-21; Gen. 12:1-4; Gal. 3: 8-9)

With God, there are no little people. There are no little places.

Understand our setting; understand our congregation; and understand that congregations are different – but the Word of God (Gospel message) never changes.

6. Understand that congregations go through _____. (2 Chron. 12:32)
7. Understand that our "lamp stand" can be _____. (Rev. 2:5)

The Kingdom at Oak Grove will grow when we "build a passion for lost people" and when we "build a bridge to the community".

8. Build a strong _____ atmosphere (Acts 2:42ff; "One another" commands)
9. Build a _____ attitude and atmosphere. Col. 2:2)
10. Build a culture of _____. (Eph. 4:11-16)
11. Build great _____ through Him who is able. (Eph. 3:20)

Let's dream & grow – right where we are!