

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!