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## Group #5: Numbers Never Lie

**Matthew 9:37 (NASB95)**

**37 Then He said to His disciples, “The harvest is plentiful, but the workers are few.”**

### *QUOTE:*

“There was a time when only specialized Christian missionaries needed to be able to defend the gospel of Jesus Christ...Today every Christian has an opportunity and obligation to present the gospel effectively and in Christian love...the need for proper understanding and an effective Christian witness is abundantly clear.”

Josh McDowell, Christian Evangelist and Author -

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**Pastor’s Big Point:** It is very common for our passion and emotion to skew what we believe about something, but the numbers and statistics behind our beliefs may not tell the same story. Numbers provide tangible evidence of a difficult truth. Numbers are sobering and realistic. Numbers never lie. If we take a look at the spreading of the gospel of Jesus Christ, it is clear – regardless of whether the crowd adored him or rejected him—the more people who heard the gospel, the more people received him. In the modern church, our evangelism numbers are disheartening: 95% of Christians have not won a new Christian to the kingdom of God. We have to do our part. Our charge to spread the gospel to a dying world is real and can’t be emphasized enough.

Table  
Discussion

Can you think of a circumstance in which your passion and emotion for a given situation skewed your perspective and did not match the sobering truth of the numbers?



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### Pastor's Teaching Points

1. Numbers Matter.
2. Discipleship Matters.
3. Youth Matters.
4. Lifestyle Matters.

### Reference Scriptures:

Consider the following scriptures and how they tie into or effect our lesson.

#### John 4:35 (NASB95)

35 **"Do you not say, 'There are yet four months, and *then* comes the harvest'? Behold, I say to you, lift up your eyes and look on the fields, that they are white for harvest.**

1. The pandemic crisis has catapulted our society into a virtual frenzy over the past 18+ months, including the modification of traditional in-person church all over the world. What have you observed as the pros and cons of the pandemic's impact on the number of unchurched people throughout the US? Has virtual church ministry helped or hurt our efforts for evangelism?
2. What are some conversation starters we can use to evangelize to others and introduce unchurched people to the gospel (without being too spooky)?



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