

Sermon Questions for Life Groups
Major Trends Shaping Global Christianity

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*These questions are generated by several authors for Life Group discussions
or family or personal devotions*

1. Pastor Jim Reese reminded us of the message of Isaiah. Read Isaiah 54: 2,3 to discuss how God can use our expanded facilities, because of our sacrifice and obedience to follow His lead. Consider John 12:24.
2. Brian Stiller provided some encouraging statistics on God's Kingdom's expansion around the world. Discuss how we at West Highland are in a situation where we can be part of this worldwide growth here on the West Mountain.
3. We were encouraged that "Faith is on the Rise!" Refer to Scriptures that show that God is not taken by surprise by this (hint: Psalm 40:3, Acts 2:47, John 12:32; Matt. 16:18; Acts 9:31, Others?)
4. The Agent of the Spirit was cited as a major factor influencing the pentecostal movement which opened the door to recognition of people's gifting. Consider the giftings in your Life Group community and how we as the body of Christ bring so many talents to the table. Consider how this enables us to fulfill the Great Commission.

5. The power of the written word was cited as another influence in the advance of Christianity. Unfortunately according to UNESCO, 758 million adults (aged 15 years and older), two-thirds of whom are women, remain illiterate. Consider how we can make a difference for these people in sharing the message of the Gospel?

6. Indigenous leadership was noted as being key to the advancement and survival of the Gospel around the world. Discuss how West Highland has been working to build the church through leadership development, not only by pastors but others connected with our church. Also consider our Pastor's role in the Leaders4 training in other countries.

7. Another reason for the expansion of God's Kingdom is the "re-engagement of Christians in the public square." What does this mean? Why is it necessary? How can we as a church be doing this? How are we doing this?

8. A number of well-known Christian teachers in North America, and in our neighbourhood churches do not have a "holistic understanding of the Gospel - there is no area of life that it does not touch". Are you aware of this? How can we refute this trend in personal witness and with Scripture itself?

9. The Spirit nudges us when He wants us to move. Have you experienced this? How do we discern the Spirit's nudges?