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^{6b}All over the world this gospel is bearing fruit and growing, just as it has been doing among you since the day you heard it and understood God's grace in all its truth. ⁷You learned it from Epaphras, our dear fellow servant, who is a faithful minister of Christ on our behalf, ⁸and who also told us of your love in the Spirit. (NIV)

1. Care _____

2. Ask _____

3. Pray _____

Application Questions

These questions are provided for your further study and application of today's message. Thoughtfully writing out the answers to these questions will help to drive home the point of today's message. It is also helpful to discuss your answers with others. This can take place with friends, your family, accountability partners, or ministry groups within the church.

Read through the Bible in

a year! Here is the schedule.

Sunday

Is. 59-60 & Rom. 10

1. Last week we saw that God does not want us myopic as it relates to time. This week we looked at how God also wants to keep us hyperopic as it relates to space. He wants us to look beyond our own sphere of activity and keep the world in view. In what creative way can you keep the "world in view" every day?

Tuesday

Is. 63-64 & Rom. 12

Wednesday

Is. 65-66 & Rom. 13

Thursday

Jer. 1-3 & Rom. 14

Friday

Jer. 4-6 & Rom. 15

Saturday

Jer. 7-9 & Rom. 16

Look up www.census.gov/main/www/popclock.html. Click on the Java version (or Dynamic version for Netscape). Watch the numbers roll by for at least a minute. What is your reaction to watching those numbers?

2. Write out a commitment to pray regularly that the "gospel would bear fruit and grow" throughout the world. Be specific. When, where, how, and how often will you pray for the world that God is so concerned about? If you are stumped on *how*, then be sure to pick up the book *Operation World: The Day-by-Day Guide to Praying for the World*, by Patrick Johnstone (Zondervan, 1993). Another tool to gather basic facts on the different countries for which you are praying is www.countrywatch.com.

3. List three or four benefits that come from being a Christian.

List three or four benefits that come from being a Christian that is a part of a good local church.

Get a newspaper or turn on the news channel and find a picture or grab a mental image of an ordinary person you saw in the news who lives in a foreign country. Begin to pray that the person you saw would enjoy the benefits of being a Christian and being a part of a good local church. How did that exercise make you feel?

4. Write out a prayer that expresses to God that you will go anywhere and do anything to assist in his mission to see the gospel bear fruit and grow!

