OUESTIONS FOR CHAPTER 7-CONCLUSION

<u>Take some time in your group to formulate some ideas for a personal evangelism</u> plan. We will seek to communicate these plans to each other in our Men's and <u>Women's times to help keep eachother accountable in the months to come.</u>

Remember why we are doing this?

- 1. This is our goal: that we might "...be more understanding and obedient in evangelism.... I also pray that as you come to evangelize more, you will help your church to develop a culture of evangelism. What do I mean by a culture of evangelism? I mean an expectation that Christians will share the gospel with others, talk about doing that, pray about it, and regularly plan and work together to help each other evangelize. We want evangelism to be normal-in our own lives and in our churches."
- 2. Similarly to the story that begins the book, have some share stories where you have seen the gospel's power at work in your life or in the life of someone else.
- 3. Highlight any question from past chapters that you might think your group might need to spend some more time on.

Chapter 7 Why Should We Evangelize?

Summary:

1. Sharing our faith and giving a defense of what we believe is obedient to God (1Peter 3:15). We can all be tempted to share our faith with the wrong motives, but there are some right motivations we should be aware of and pursue.

- 1. A desire to be obedient
- 2. A love for the lost
- 3. Love for God

Here are some helpful ways to encourage one another to share the gospel

- 1.Ask for testimonies
- 2.Consider the reality of hell
- 3. Meditate on the gospel
- 4. Consider the cross
- 2. What motivates you most often to share your faith?
- 3. Which one of the right motivations do you need to reflect on more as you seek to share the gospel?
- 4. Share how God saved you. Delight in how God saved you. The fact that you love God at all is a miracle.
- 5. Share some scriptures that help us remember the horrors of hell and therefore the urgency to communicate God's saving grace to others

- 6. God's sovereignty over and in salvation does encourage us to share because of the burden of changing the heart is not left to us. When we are faithful to share the gospel, the response is up to God. This should give us encouragement and joy to share.
- 7. As we talked about at the end of Sundays message we know the extent or the degree of Gods love for us in Christ by reflecting upon the glories of the gospel, namely the extent of the sacrifice-the cross; the degree of the rescue-rescued from hell; the degree to which do not deserve it at all because of our infinite and holy God; degree of the glory, total forgiveness- complete change that leads to heaven as home, eternal bliss with God.

Share aspects of the gospel with each other-these above or others like adoption, gift of the spirit as you live on this earth. Remember if he did not spare his own son how much more will he graciously give us all things. Allow that to excite your heart to share this good news with others.

Conclusion: Closing the sale

Summary: "We will not allow the gospel that is preached to be molded by what

finally gets a response." (109)

Just because you don't get a response doesn't mean that you need to change your message. "God can use the anybody, and he likes to do just that for his own glory" (109)

"My concern is the opposite of salvation." (bottom of p 110)

Make personal evangelism strategy for you and or your family. Let this be some of the accountability we discuss as the weeks and months progress.