

## Brother Tim's Blog #8

Check this out. There are 2 sources of church and religious studies that I frequently listen to. 1) Pew Research Group (non-partisan research group focusing on social and political issues) 2) The Barna Group (evangelical research company focusing on church topics). Why do I tell you this? I'm not sure, maybe that's what a "blog" is about. I digress. I saw a recent Barna Group poll that had the following facts about evangelism (trying to win the lost to Christ).

98% of Christians are NOT involved in evangelism in any way.

95% of all Christians have never won a soul to Christ.

Consistently, in the Bible, we see people coming to faith in Christ. Right after they do, guess what we consistently see them doing next? Telling other people about Jesus. Funny how that works, isn't it. Guess what else? Only 9% of new believers come to Christ after the age of 40.

I think I know why too. There are really only 2 options for why these statistics are so terrible: 1) We don't know any better, or 2) We know but we don't care.

Maybe we just aren't aware of the Great Commission (Matthew 28:19). You know, what Jesus told us to go and do. The really big purpose to all our Christian lives. Maybe the biggest reason we aren't taken immediately to Heaven as soon as we're saved. **THAT** Great Commission.

According to a study completed this year, only 51% of people who call themselves "Christians" know what the Great Commission says. I'm not talking about being able to quote the verse verbatim, I'm talking about not knowing what it says at all!

Feel bad yet? Me too. Want to do something about it? Me too. It's time to get off our "blessed assurance" and start telling folks about the **One** who died for us. The One who saved us. The One who gave our lives meaning and purpose.

Jesus died for me, the least I can do is witness for Him.

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