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### III. Who is Empart and what is their vision for North India?

- **The Vision of Empart** :: to spark and support an “\_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_” in Northern India.
- **The Goal of Empart** :: to plant \_\_\_\_\_ churches by 2030
- **The Strategy of Empart** ::
  1. \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ church planters in year long, immersive, intensive church planting training centers.
  2. \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ these church planters for up to 7 years, after which time they become supported by their churches and/or self-supporting.

Our team's impressions . . .

### IV. How might GraceSLO be involved?

- Prayer
- Financial Support
- Vision Trips
- Serving & Teaching Trips

### I. What is God doing in the World?

1. **A People** :: Revelation 5:9-10, 7:9-12  
God is gathering \_\_\_\_\_ from every nation.
2. **A Plan** :: Matthew 28:19-20  
\_\_\_\_\_ through \_\_\_\_\_.
3. **A Promise** :: Matthew 24:14  
The \_\_\_\_\_ will come when the Gospel is preached to all nations.
4. **A Personal Poke** :: John 4:35-38  
Lift up your eyes and \_\_\_\_\_ in what God is doing!

### II. Why Northern India Today?

1. **A Place of Strategic** \_\_\_\_\_ :: the highest concentration of unreached peoples on the globe.
2. **A Place Strategically** \_\_\_\_\_ :: the hub of southern Asia.
3. **A Place of Strategic** \_\_\_\_\_ :: the worlds largest democracy and an exploding economy.

# Growth Group Stuff

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### **CONNECTING with One Another (30 min)**

This is the last week of the winter quarter. It's a time to bring your group to some closure by sharing how the group was meaningful and valuable. Discuss next quarter and whether or not your group will continue.

### **EXPLORING God's Word with One Another (20 – 30 min)**

1. Read Revelation 5:9-10, 7:9-12. What is the global purpose of God according to these verses?
2. Read Matthew 28:18-20. How does this Great Commission relate to the global cause of God? What is and continues to be the biblical vehicle for disciple-making and fulfillment of the Great Commission? Or think about it this way: What did Paul do on his 3 missionary journeys?
3. Read Matthew 24:14. How does this verse relate to the global purpose of God and what does it promise us?
4. Read John 4:35-38. What is happening in these verses? Where is Jesus? Who has he been talking to? What are the disciples focused on? What does Jesus direct them to? What is Jesus teaching us? How does this passage relate to the global purpose of God?

5. Why is Northern India super strategic when we consider the global purpose of God and all these passages?
6. What did you learn about Northern India in this message?
7. What did you learn about the ministry of Empart in this message? What is your "gut response" to Empart's big vision?
8. When you think about GraceSLO's opportunities to be involved, what is your emotional response? Are you ready to align some of our resources to be involved in the spiritual harvest of North India? How specifically do you think you might be involved? Are you willing to pray? Are you willing to give? Are you willing to go and see what God is doing in North India?
9. How do you think GraceSLO's involvement in North India might impact our local ministry here on the Central Coast?

### **PRAYING for One Another (15-20 min)**

*Remember, this quarter we want to encourage depth of personal sharing and caring in our Growth Groups, so our goal is to pray for each other, not for everyone else in our extended circles. So, really focus on sharing and praying for one another in light of this text/message, as well as for any other requests/needs the group has. Let's let God's Word lead us to the throne of grace.*

## Welcome:

*If you are visiting with us at Grace, we welcome you as our guest. Please take a moment to fill out the visitor tab and put it in the offering bag. Thank you!*

March 13, 2011  9:00  10:45

Name(s) \_\_\_\_\_

Children/DOB \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

New Resident in area  Visiting area

New Address

Please include me in the church directory

How you heard about Grace: \_\_\_\_\_

Please check the appropriate boxes:

### Single

College  18-24  25-36  37-50

50-60  60+

### Married

20s-30s  30s-40s  40s-50s

50s-60s  60+

**I want to find a place to serve!**

Please send me information about...

children's ministry  worship ministry

student ministry  women's ministry

college ministry  men's ministry

growth groups

## Our Vision...

*To see lives, families  
our community and  
the world transformed  
by the Gospel of  
Jesus Christ.*

## Our Mission...

*To celebrate,  
proclaim and live  
the Gospel of  
Jesus Christ on the  
Central Coast  
and beyond!*

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## Our Statement of Faith

- We believe the **Bible** is the inspired, inerrant, infallible word and revelation of God. It is the authoritative standard for every age and life.
- We believe there is one **God**, eternally existing in three persons - Father, Son and Holy Spirit - each of whom are equal in attributes of deity.
- We believe that **Jesus Christ** in the flesh was both God and man; His virgin birth, His sinless life, His miracles, His death on the cross as a penalty for our sins, and His bodily resurrection from the dead on the third day; His ascension to the right hand of God as our Mediator, Priest, and Advocate.
- We believe all **men** have sinned and fall short of the standard of God.
- We believe that in His death, the Lord Jesus Christ made a perfect **atonement** for sin, redeeming us from the curse of the law. Men are saved and justified on the simple ground of His shed blood.
- We believe that **salvation** is by grace, through faith alone. Our hope of eternal life with Jesus Christ is entirely based upon His work and efficacy on the cross and victory over death and sin, and not upon good works, baptism or church membership.
- We believe that a true believer is **eternally secure**, that he cannot lose his salvation, but that sin may interrupt the joy of his fellowship with God and bring loving discipline from his Heavenly Father.
- We believe that the **Holy Spirit** is a person, is God and possesses all the divine attributes. He indwells all believers, baptizes and seals them at the moment of their salvation, and fills them in response to confession of sin and yieldedness.
- We believe in the reality of **Satan**.
- We believe that **the church** is made up of those who have individually trusted Christ as their Savior and Lord and have bound themselves together to proclaim God's grace in their lives and to share that good news with others. As believers, we are admonished to regularly assemble together.
- We believe in the **blessed hope** of the believer - that we will be with Christ for all eternity - and eternal punishment for all those who do not believe in the Lord Jesus Christ.

Sunday, March 13, 2011

Lift up  
your eyes  
and  
look to  
the fields,  
that they are  
white for  
harvest.

- John 4:3 -

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