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Last week I was in a public place, near a group of people who were making conversation. I wasn't trying to listen in, but it was hard not to hear what they were saying. One lady said: "Do you have plans for Easter?" and two others replied something like: "Oh, that's this weekend?" One lady declared – "I guess I need to get Easter baskets."

I was not able to join their conversation, but I wanted to ask: "Why? Why buy Easter baskets? It is Maundy Thursday, and you didn't know Easter was coming up, so I would guess it doesn't mean much to you."

Another lady said she will dress up and attend church with her grandmother ("you have to dress up because Grandma goes to a fancy church"). The others didn't seem to have any plans besides buying some candy for the kids. Practically speaking, Easter for them is about the same as Halloween. As I listened, I felt a growing sense of sorrow.

The Church exists for many reasons, but among those reasons is to bring the Gospel to our communities. There is no doubting the fact that you live in a mission field. Of course, our churches exist to develop believers to maturity in Christ, but that development should include cultivating a passion for the lost people around us. There is no longer such a thing as a "Christian majority" in the US or Canada. We are a light in the darkness. I urge our church leaders and members to consider how we may reach into our communities with the Gospel.

"...at one time you were darkness, but now you are light in the Lord..." (Ephesians 5:8 – ESV)

If you have not recently checked out our website, I encourage you to take a look. You can preview the new online version of the *Fellowship Focus* magazine – which includes some new content as well as some articles from the last print edition. A brand-new issue of the *Fellowship Focus* will be released very soon. [Subscribe](#) online to receive email notification when new content is available.

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