



Every year, those living in places where deciduous trees abound always have the arduous task of raking up the countless leaves that fall from the trees above onto their lawns, flower beds, driveways, walkways - everywhere!

It can be hard work to rake up all the leaves, put them in bags, and then haul those bags off for disposal. At the very beginning, the job appears that it would last forever! But with everyone's help the chore can be much easier! That is why everyone who lives at that house should help get the job done.

The same goes for missions. We all live together on this planet. Each Christian therefore is given the job of helping to the Gospel with every person. It seems like the billions and billions of people who live throughout the world are an impossible task, but with everyone helping it is not as difficult as one might imagine.

Here are some questions about raking leaves, and they should help us to understand more about our job as Christians.

- Question 1: As long as you are raking them into a pile, is the direction that you are raking them important?

Answer 1: Whether a person ends up joining your church or not - or whether you ever see them again, it is important to share the Gospel.

- Question 2: As long as you are using a leaf rake, does it matter if the rake is metal or plastic? Big or short?

Answer 2: God uses all kinds of people to help share the Gospel. Many times, He uses the people who don't think they can be used.

- Question 3: Should you only rake certain colors or shapes of fallen leaves?

Answer 3: Just as it would be silly to only rake certain colors or shapes of leaves, it would be silly not to share the Gospel with people based on their skin color or size. God wants to save everyone the same.

