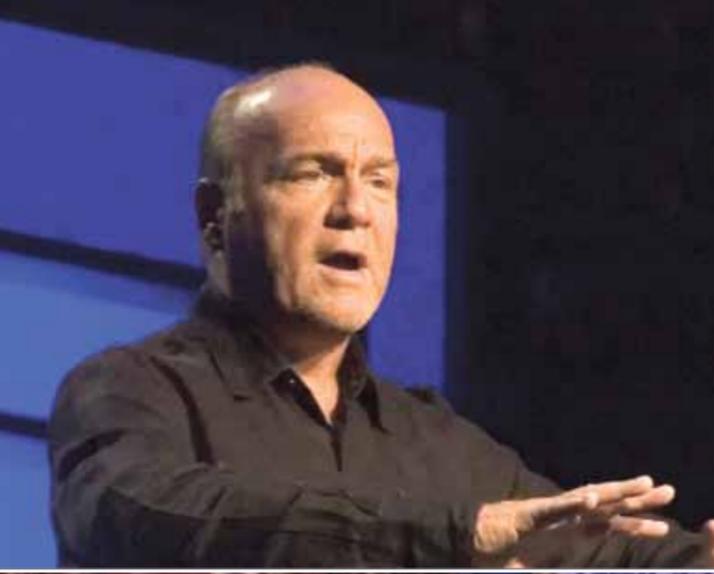


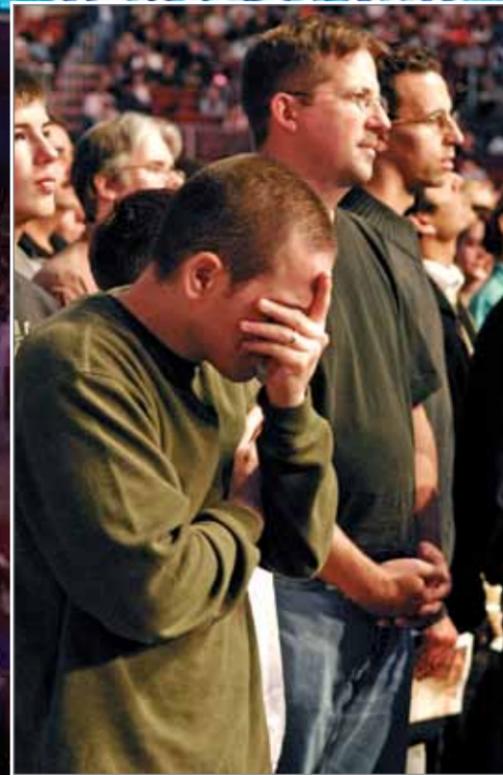
The Fields Are White

Harvest Crusade, Philadelphia, PA

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Pastor Greg Laurie speaks to thousands attending the Harvest Crusade in Philadelphia, PA, this past fall.



An attendee reacts to Pastor Greg's message.



A Crusade team member prays with a young woman.

This past October, Pastor Greg Laurie implored those attending the Harvest Crusade in Philadelphia, PA, to make decisions to accept Jesus Christ as their personal Lord and Savior.

Greg, mourning the recent death of his 33-year-old son Christopher in a car accident, could easily relate the frailty of life to the importance of committing one's eternal future to God. Christopher Laurie had dedicated his life to serving Christ several years previously.

The understanding that no one is promised tomorrow brought intensity and boldness to Greg's message—the importance of knowing and accepting Jesus Christ as one's personal Savior.

For three evenings, Greg and special musical guests, along with 390 local area church leaders and their congregations, gathered at Philadelphia Harvest '08 in the Wachovia Center to share with non-believers about eternal life. He urged attendees not to wait until a personal tragedy strikes, but to experience the hope that has sustained him through a life that only Jesus Christ can offer.

Greg, senior pastor of Harvest Christian Fellowship in Riverside, CA, spoke about life and death and asked the question, "What are you living for?" He expounded on how to be in the win-win situation expressed by Paul in Philippians 1:21, "For me to live is Christ, and to die is gain." Greg shared that being a follower of Jesus Christ on earth gives us the assurance of life on the other side of death—a continued life in God's presence.

Top name Christian artists shared through music, including MercyMe, tobyMac, Leeland, Kutless, the Katinas, and Jeremy Camp. Jeremy read from Colossians 1:9 and spoke about the importance of being filled with the knowledge of God's will; he then encouraged Christians to pray for each other to gain this knowledge. He also read 2 Corinthians 5:17 and shared, "I'm so glad I am not the same person I used to be ... I



An attendee raises his hand to accept Pastor Greg's invitation to accept Christ.

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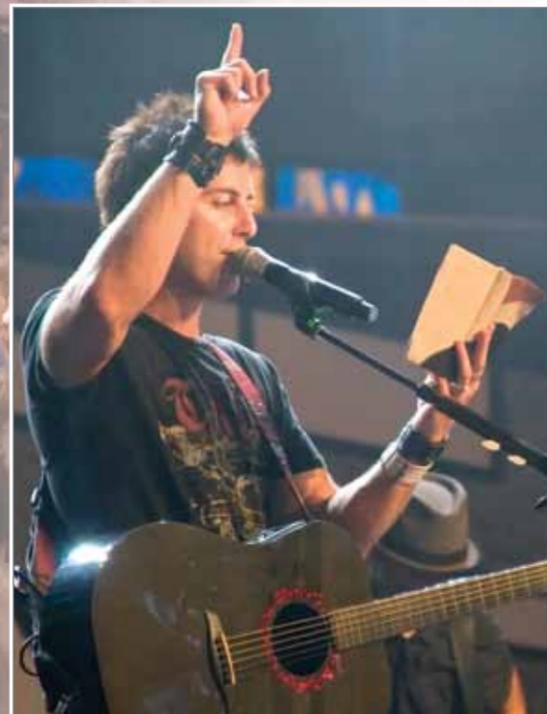
In 1990, Greg Laurie and Pastor Chuck Smith of CC Costa Mesa, CA, founded Harvest Crusades as a way to reach American youth. Their vision was to offer a safe venue for Christians to bring unsaved friends who might not come to a church. Over the three-day event in Pennsylvania, over 3,000 new believers made professions of faith in Christ.



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MercyMe, as well as other Christian musical groups, performed.



Jeremy Camp reads from 2 Corinthians, saying, "I am a new creation in Christ."