

Building a Great Church Involves Outreach #1

(Building a Great Church Series – Lesson #7)

<i>The Importance of Outreach</i>	<i>Your Personal Outreach</i>	<i>The Congregational Outreach</i>
<p><i>“Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?”</i> – Isaiah 6:8, NKJV</p>	<p><i>“Here am I send me.”</i> – Isaiah 6:8, NKJV</p>	<p><i>“And daily in the temple, and in every house, they did not cease teaching and preaching Jesus as the Christ.”</i> –Acts 5:42, NKJV</p>
What is Outreach?	There Must be a Desire:	The Atmosphere for Outreach:
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Outreach is reaching out to help someone in their current spiritual or physical condition.• Outreach is active, not passive.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Desire is defined as a longing for or a hope for something of personal importance.<ul style="list-style-type: none">◦ Desire may also be a thirst. (See Matthew 5:6)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• A developing desire to seek and save the lost – the purpose. (Luke 19:10)• A commitment to the word of God.<ul style="list-style-type: none">◦ (1 Timothy 3:15)• A commitment to each other.<ul style="list-style-type: none">◦ (Acts 4:32)• A commitment to bear fruit.<ul style="list-style-type: none">◦ (Isaiah 37:31; John 15:5)• A commitment to prayer.<ul style="list-style-type: none">◦ (Acts 2:42, 4:24-31; Ephesians 6:18)• Strong, effective leadership<ul style="list-style-type: none">◦ (Hebrews 13:17; Titus 1:11)• Workers<ul style="list-style-type: none">◦ (Acts 2:40-47)
The Importance of Outreach:	Developing a Desire for the Lost:	Remember Two Things:
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Souls need the gospel.<ul style="list-style-type: none">◦ (Matthew 9:37-38)• You are the one to take the gospel.<ul style="list-style-type: none">◦ (Isaiah 6:1-8)◦ If you do not go, who will?• Outreach motivates others.<ul style="list-style-type: none">◦ (Philippians 4:21-23)• Outreach strengthens bonds.<ul style="list-style-type: none">◦ (Acts 2:41-47)• Outreach strengthens the church.<ul style="list-style-type: none">◦ (Acts 4:32)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Adopt the desire of Christ.<ul style="list-style-type: none">◦ (1 Peter 2:21)• Envision amount of lost souls.<ul style="list-style-type: none">◦ (Matthew 9:35-36 14:14)◦ Not everyone is going to Heaven. (Matthew 7:21-23; 2 Thessalonians 1:7-9)• Adopt the compassion of Christ.<ul style="list-style-type: none">◦ (Matthew 9:37-38)• Do something about it.<ul style="list-style-type: none">◦ Understand the purpose. (Luke 19:10)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• The growth of a congregation must first begin in the hearts and lives of each and every member.• “For everyone to whom much is given, from him much will be required; and to whom much has been committed, of him they will ask more...” – Luke 12:48, NKJV
Four Great Reasons to Evangelize:	Examples of Biblical, Personal Evangelism:	
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• The command from above.<ul style="list-style-type: none">◦ (Matthew 28:19; Mark 16:15-16)• The plea from below.<ul style="list-style-type: none">◦ (Luke 16:19-31)• The plea from outside.<ul style="list-style-type: none">◦ (Acts 16:9-10)• The plea from inside.<ul style="list-style-type: none">◦ (2 Corinthians 5:14)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• (John 1:41-46)<ul style="list-style-type: none">◦ Andrews finds Peter.◦ Jesus finds Philip.◦ Philip finds Nathaniel.• (Luke 5:27-32)<ul style="list-style-type: none">◦ Matthew finds the Savior then finds many.	