

Building a Great Church Involves Outreach #2

(Building a Great Church Series – Lesson #8)

The Importance of Outreach

“Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?”

-- Isaiah 6:8, NKJV

Four Great Reasons to Evangelize:

- The command from above. (Matthew 28:19; Mark 16:15-16)
- The plea from below. (Luke 16:19-31)
- The plea from outside. (Acts 16:9-10)
- The plea from inside. (2 Corinthians 5:14)

Other Scriptures Emphasizing Evangelism:

- Matthew 7:13-14, 21-23
- Luke 15
- 2 Corinthians 4:3,4
- Romans 1:16,17

Remember Two Things:

- 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

Your Personal Outreach

“Here am I, send me”

-- Isaiah 6:8, NKJV

Reasons Why Some Do Not Evangelize:

• Fear (see Revelation 21:8)	• Ignorance (see 2 Peter 3:18)
• Bad Experience (see Matthew 10:14)	• Discouragement (see Galatians 6:9)
• Indifference (see 1 John 3:14)	• Lack of Zeal (see Hebrews 6:10-12)

Helps for Greater Personal Evangelism:

- 1) Put yourself in the other person’s place.
 - a) Recognize their fate if unconverted (2 Thessalonians 1:7-9)
 - b) (1 Corinthians 14:19)
- 2) Make yourself available to people.
 - a) (Acts 8:27-29; Matthew 19:2; Luke 19:10) – Notice that Philip was available.
 - b) A schedule or lifestyle that does not allow for contact with people in need (the lost) needs to be changed. Remember, Jesus was busy, but never too busy for people.
- 3) Make the first move.
 - a) (Acts 8:30) – Notice that Philip ran.
 - b) We need to approach people, not only respond to them. (*Active vs. Passive*)
 - c) Remember what the Lord Himself said, “Go” (Mark 16:15-16)
- 4) Be thoughtful
 - a) (Acts 8:30-34) – Where did Philip begin?
 - b) What was the message that was preached? The Ethiopian would have gotten upset with the Scriptures, not the teacher.
- 5) Be honest and precise.
 - a) (Acts 8:34-35) – Notice the question and the response.
 - b) Remain on the topic of the person’s relationship with God. (simply, their salvation)