

O is for OUTREACH

If we are to be a clone of the Acts 2 church we must be reaching the lost. The Acts 2 church was intentionally and aggressively reaching the lost.

Acts 2:41 *So those who received his word were baptized, and there were added that day about three thousand souls*

Acts 2:47 *And the Lord added to their number day by day those who were being saved.*

They were so aggressive they could not be ignored.

Acts 17:6 *they dragged Jason and some of the brothers before the city authorities, shouting, "These men who have turned the world upside down have come here also*

Acts 16:20 *And when they had brought them to the magistrates, they said, "These men are Jews, and they are disturbing our city.*

How can we outreach?

We can reach our world by...

I. _____

We can not effectively share what we have not experienced. We must be

_____.

Matt 23:27-28 *Woe to you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! For you are like whitewashed tombs, which outwardly appear beautiful, but within are full of dead people's bones and all uncleanness. 28 So you also outwardly appear righteous to others, but within you are full of hypocrisy and lawlessness.*

Matt 5:21-22 *You have heard that it was said to those of old, 'You shall not murder; and whoever murders will be liable to judgment.' 22 But I say to you that everyone who is angry with his brother will be liable to judgment; whoever insults his brother will be liable to the council; and whoever says, 'You fool!' will be liable to the hell of fire.*

Matt 5:27-28 *"You have heard that it was said, 'You shall not commit adultery.' But I say to you that everyone who looks at a woman with lustful intent has already committed adultery with her in his heart.*

Jesus applied the commandments to the heart. It is not what you believe, what you know, or even what you do...It is about _____ !

It is about being.

2. Praying

Matt 7:7-8 Ask, and it will be given to you; seek, and you will find; knock, and it will be opened to you. 8 For everyone who asks receives, and the one who seeks finds, and to the one who knocks it will be opened.

Matt 21:22 And whatever you ask in prayer, you will receive, if you have faith.

Paul called for prayer as he struggled to obey the Great Commission.

Col 4:2-4 Continue steadfastly in prayer, being watchful in it with thanksgiving. 3 At the same time, pray also for us, that God may open to us a door for the word, to declare the mystery of Christ, on account of which I am in prison— 4 that I may make it clear, which is how I ought to speak.

John Piper wrote in his book, Let the Nations be Glad wrote, “Prayer is God’s appointed means of bringing grace to the world and glory to himself. So when the mission of God moves forward by prayer, the supremacy of God is manifest and the needs of Christian missionaries are met. In prayer he is glorified and we are satisfied...The purpose of prayer is the Father’s fame and the saint’s fullness.”

We can outreach through prayer. We are actually called to do so.

Isa 56:7 for my house shall be called a house of prayer for all peoples. How can we pray for all peoples? Follow the plan in Acts 1:8.

1. Pray for your Jerusalem. _____.
2. Pray for your Judea: _____.
3. Pray for your Samaria: _____.
4. Pray for the ends of the earth.

What time each day will you commit to pray? _____

3. _____

You will never be able to outreach without giving. You can’t put a value on a soul and you can’t outgive God!

Mal 3:8-10 Will man rob God? Yet you are robbing me. But you say, ‘How have we robbed you?’ In your tithes and contributions. 9 You are cursed with a curse, for you are robbing me, the whole nation of you. 10 Bring the full tithes into the storehouse, that there may be food in my house. And thereby put me to the test, says the Lord of hosts, if I will not open the windows of heaven for you and pour down for you a blessing until there is no more need.

Prov 3:9-10 Honor the Lord with your wealth and with the firstfruits of all your produce; 10 then your barns will be filled with plenty, and your vats will be bursting with wine.

2 Cor 9:6-8 *The point is this: whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and whoever sows bountifully will also reap bountifully. 7 Each one must give as he has made up his mind, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. 8 And God is able to make all grace abound to you, so that having all sufficiency in all things at all times, you may abound in every good work.*

4. **Going**

Outreach is ultimately about going!

We cannot outreach without going. We are called to put our feet to the ground and go in all four Gospels and the book of Acts.

Matt 28:18-20 *And Jesus came and said to them, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. 19 Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, 20 teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age."*

Mark 16:15 *And he said to them, "Go into all the world and proclaim the gospel to the whole creation.*

Luke 24:46-47 *Thus it is written, that the Christ should suffer and on the third day rise from the dead, 47 and that repentance and forgiveness of sins should be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem.*

John 20:21-22 *Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, even so I am sending you."*

Acts 1:8 *But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth.*

John 4:35 *Do you not say, 'There are yet four months, then comes the harvest'? Look, I tell you, lift up your eyes, and see that the fields are white for harvest.*

You are a bridge of God. Who will you bring to Christ?

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.
- 4.
- 5.