



Creating an Outreach Mindset

Inreach:

to share the Gospel with those inside the church to grow and to strengthen



Outreach:

to share the Gospel with those
outside the church to bring to faith



You will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and **you will be my witnesses** in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.”

Acts 1:8



#1

We are God's only plan for sharing the Gospel.





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⁵⁷ As they were walking along the road, a man said to him, "I will follow you wherever you go." ⁵⁸ Jesus replied, "Foxes have holes and birds of the air have nests, but the Son of Man has no place to lay his head."

59 He said to another man, "Follow me." But the man replied, "Lord, first let me go and bury my father." 60 Jesus said to him, "**Let the dead bury their own dead, but you go and proclaim the kingdom of God.**"

⁶¹ Still another said, "I will follow you, Lord; but first let me go back and say good-bye to my family." ⁶² Jesus replied, "No one who puts his hand to the plow and looks back is **fit for service in the kingdom of God.**"

Luke 9:57-62



Is there anything about Jesus' words that cause you to pause?



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What was Jesus' point?



¹⁸ As Jesus was walking beside the Sea of Galilee, he saw two brothers, Simon called Peter and his brother Andrew. They were casting a net into the lake, for they were fishermen. ¹⁹ "Come, follow me," Jesus said, "and I will make you fishers of men."



²⁰ **At once they left their nets and followed him.** ²¹ Going on from there, he saw two other brothers, James son of Zebedee and his brother John. They were in a boat with their father Zebedee, preparing their nets. Jesus called them,

²² and immediately **they left the boat and their father and followed him.**

Matthew 4:18-22



What did sharing the Gospel cost Peter, Andrew, James, & John?



**What did sharing the message of
the resurrected Jesus cost the
Christians of the first century ?**



#2

Having an outreach mindset will
cost you something.



**What might you (or your members)
have to sacrifice to have an
outreach mindset as a church?**



4 "Suppose one of you has a hundred sheep and loses one of them. Does he not leave the ninety-nine in the open country and **go after the lost sheep** until he finds it?

⁵ And when he finds it, he joyfully puts it on his shoulders ⁶ and goes home. Then he calls his friends and neighbors together and says, '**Rejoice with me**; I have found my lost sheep.'

⁷ I tell you that in the same way there will be **more rejoicing in heaven** over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine righteous persons who do not need to repent.

Luke 15:4-7



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**The intensity of your search
indicates how important
something is to you.**



#3

The lost need our focus
because they are lost.



¹⁹ Though I am free and belong to no man, I make myself a slave to everyone, to win as many as possible. ²⁰ To the Jews I became like a Jew, to win the Jews...

1 Corinthians 9:19-20



#4

We find ourselves naturally
looking in before looking out.



**Common Question:
What do I like (need)?**



Better Question:
What do the lost need
so they can learn about Jesus?



What's your reaction to that story?



How might you answer someone who feels that a church like this doesn't care about its members (inreach)?



Do nothing out of selfish ambition or vain conceit. Rather, in humility **value others above yourselves**, not looking to your own interests but each of you to the interest of the others.

Philippians 2:3-4



²² Do not merely listen to the word, and so deceive yourselves. **Do what it says.**

James 1:22



#5

An outreach mindset is a sign of spiritual growth.





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Go & Tell
vs.
Come & See



#1

Both are important.



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#2

Weekend worship is a great place
to model an outreach mindset.



Reason #1

It's our weekly opportunity to reach the most amount of people.



Reason #2

It's our first connection with most people who are new to our church.



#3

Be ready for the quest.



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**What's the difference between a
"visitor" and a "guest"?**



Welcome to the Guest Services Team!

We're excited that you have chosen to partner with us as we serve Jesus and those who attend Bethlehem. Our goal is to help every guest to have the best possible experience by welcoming and serving our attenders, and by helping them to take a step when they are ready.

Welcome to the Guest Services Team!

As a Guest Services Volunteer, you have the opportunity to help create an incredible experience for every person who attends Bethlehem. Think of your role as being the "host" in your home, and their role as being the guest.

#4

It's important to regularly repeat
the why behind the what.



**A strong hospitality culture
provides a catalyst for Christians to
regularly think our mission.**



**A strong hospitality culture
provides members confidence to
invite their unchurched friends.**



**What are one or two ways that
your church could be more
guest-friendly on the weekend?**



**Write down one thing you
learned from this presentation
that you will implement in your
ministry.**





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