

COMMUNITY OUTREACH GROUP MINISTRY



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Evangelism Community Outreach Group Ministry

"As thou hast sent me unto the World, even so have I also sent them into the world" John 17:18

I. Introduction

"But none of these things move me, neither count my life dear unto myself, see that I might finish my course with joy and the ministry which I have received of the Lord Jesus, to testify the gospel of the grace of God" Acts 20:24

God is at work in the world and the Deacons at Greater St. Mary Missionary Baptist Church (GSM) are committed to join him. This journey is called <u>Mission</u>. Our Mission is service to the unchurched fulflilling this mission is one of the five purposes God gave His church.

We are being sent as a representative of Jesus Christ – "As the father has sent me, I am sending you"

Jesus calls us not only to come to him but to go for him.

In the Great Commission Jesus said, ("Go to the people of all nations and make them my disciples. Baptize them in the name of the Father the son, and the Holy Spirit, and teach them everything I have told you."

To ignore this commission is to be <u>disobedient</u>, because God holds us responsible for unbelievers who live around us. The Bible sas "You must warn them so they may live; If you don't speak out to warn the wicked to stop their evil ways they will die in sin. But I will hold you responsible for their death".

Purpose

The purpose of this Evangelism and Discipleship outreach is to:

- Provide encouragement and hope to the unchurched by bringing them into a relationship with God
- Help the unchurched apply biblical truth to their real life experience(s)

Goal

Teaching the unchurched to live victoriously

Objective:

Provide spiritual guidance and training to the unchurched by communicating God's word for the whole body in seven life areas.

Target:

The Sulphur community (unchurched)

II. Strategy

How are we going to get the job done?

- A. Fishing for Souls like Jesus
 - 1. Clarify the target

(Identify who we are trying to reach)

- a. Jesus had a clear evangelistic target:
 "I was sent only to the lost sheep of Israel" Matt. 15:24
- b. Paul had a clear evangelistic target:

"I was entrusted with the task of preaching the gospel to the Gentiles just as Peter had been given the task of preaching the gospel to the Jews."

c. Jesus gave the disciples a clear evangelistic target "Don't go among the Gentiles or enter any town of the Samaritans, go rather to the lost sheep of Israel" Matt 10:5-6

2. Go where the fish are

"Whatever a person is like, I try to <u>find common ground</u> with him so that he will let me tell him about Christ and let Christ save him" I Corinthians 9:22 (LB)

a. Finding hungry fish

- People in transition
- People under tension

b. Using more than one hook

- Supermarkets
- Fast Foods
- Radio/TV
- Newspaper
- Flyers
- Cook-outs
- Social Networks (ex. Facebook, My Space, Twitter)

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3. Collecting information by asking questions

- **a.** Are you currently active in a local church?
- **b.** What do you feel is the greatest need in this area?
- c. Why do you think most people don't attend church?
- **d.** If you are looking or a church, what kind of things would you look for?
- **e.** What advice would you give me? How can I help you?

B. Target Format

- 1. Probe: Learn all we can about the area
- **2.** Partition: Divide area into segments
- 3. Position: Develop a clear picture of outcome for the group

C. Curriculum

S.A.L.T.

Seven Areas of Life Training

- Spiritual
- Psychological
- Social
- Physical
- Financial
- Marital
- Parental

"Learning how to live victoriously in all seven areas of life"

D. Methodology

- Hearing
- Appling
- Sharing

<u>Hearing</u> – Participants experience the hearing phase when they listen to the lesson being taught.

"But how can people call for help if they don't know who to trust? And how can they know who to trust if they haven't heard of one who can be trusted? And how can they hear if nobody tells them? Romans 10:14 (MSG)

<u>Applying</u> - Participants can apply biblical truths to their everyday lives by taking action.

"Don't fool yourself into thinking that you are a listener when you are anything but, letting the Word go in one ear and out the other. Act on what you hear!" James 1:22 (MSG)

Sharing- Participants experience the sharing phase when they share what they are learning with a friend are in a SALT group.

"Think of ways to encourage one another to outbursts of love and good deeds" Hebrews 10:24 (NLT)

Activities

Select group leaders/teachers

Must be active member @ GSM

Deacon / Group Leaders Training

Presentation of outreach GSM members living in Sulphur and other target areas

Develop a "Ministry Recruitment Action Plan" Including timelines

Develop evaluation plan

Disseminate plan to appropriate sites ie, Newspaper, radio, etc.

Select local recruitment target area(s)

Launching of outreach in target area

Selection of site for group sessions S.A.L.T.

Begin S.A.L.T group session(s) "Spiritual Area of Life"