

**“Growing Larger Through Outreach” (Pt 1)** David Owens

Matthew 28:18-20

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- A. Reaching out to others and talking with them about \_\_\_\_\_ things can be very \_\_\_\_\_ and nerve-racking.
- B. Sharing the Good News is our glorious \_\_\_\_\_ and sacred \_\_\_\_\_ (Mt. 28:19-20; Mk. 16:15-16; Acts 1:8).
- C. George Barna asks a probing question for all churches: “Is evangelism deemed the highest \_\_\_\_\_ of the \_\_\_\_\_?”
- D. Let’s consider our Wetzel Road history with regard to evangelism...
1. We are a \_\_\_\_\_ church.
  2. We are a \_\_\_\_\_ church.
  3. We are a locally \_\_\_\_\_ church.
- E. One of the tragic aspects to the story of the Titanic is that those who were already \_\_\_\_\_ in the lifeboats didn’t rescue those \_\_\_\_\_ in the water.
1. Spiritually, we must not let that happen - the saved must help the lost.
- F. Each of us has been \_\_\_\_\_ by God to help draw people to God.
1. We are “\_\_\_\_\_” and “\_\_\_\_\_” (Mt. 5:13-14).
  2. We are “\_\_\_\_\_” for Christ (2 Cor. 5:20).
  3. We are His “\_\_\_\_\_” (Acts 1:8).
- G. The need for evangelism is so great, because many people are “\_\_\_\_\_.”
1. Jesus came to “\_\_\_\_\_” and “\_\_\_\_\_” the lost (Lk. 19:10).
  2. John 3:16 tells us that unless people believe, they will \_\_\_\_\_.
- H. In the movie, *Dead Poet’s Society*, the teacher drives home the idea of Carpe Diem...“\_\_\_\_\_ the \_\_\_\_\_.”
1. Our lives are short, and so are the lives of those who need to be saved.
- I. Some people treat the church like it is a \_\_\_\_\_.
1. Gas stations are designed for us to come and get what we need so we can go where we need to go.
  2. The church meets together so we can be “\_\_\_\_\_” to be able to go do with work God wants us to do, like reaching the lost.
- J. Here’s a problem: God’s lost kids don’t know how to \_\_\_\_\_ him, and God’s saved kids aren’t helping them find the \_\_\_\_\_.
- K. Think of how our church would grow if “\_\_\_\_\_ one \_\_\_\_\_ one.”
1. In one year we would go from \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_.
  2. In three years we would be a church of \_\_\_\_\_.
  3. And all that would be required is each one bring \_\_\_\_\_ people into God’s family during those three years.

Answer Key: A. spiritual, intimidating. B. calling, responsibility. C. priority, church. D.1. church, planting. D.2. mission, supporting. D.3. evangelistic. E. saved, dying. F. commissioned. F.1. salt, light. F.2. ambassadors. F.3. witnesses. G. lost. G.1. seek, save. G.2. perish. H. seize, day. I. gas, station. I.2. filled, up. J. find, way. K. each, reached. K.1. 200, 400. K.2. 1600. K.3. 3.