A Healthy Church Series

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