

Why Outreach and Evangelism?

Outreach and Evangelism is a mandatory in the Church. We live in a society full of unchurched people who don't know the basic tenets of Christianity or the redemptive story the Scriptures tell, furthermore, The church has a poor reputation among non-Christians where a lot of people have distorted views of Jesus, the gospel, and the traditional Christian faith. A lot of unchurched people are hesitant and biased against us before we've had a chance to start a conversation about the Gospel.

It's fair to say that some Christians question the motives behind traditional outreach efforts, viewing them as "a bait-and-switch". Many in our congregations seem reluctant to share the gospel, either claiming that evangelism isn't their gift or hiding in fear of potential rejection. This is why evangelism training and classes for our congregation are a high priority for Providence. The goal is to equip the church to take on a world of unchurched people waiting to hear the Gospel.

Why is it so important for the church to share the Good News of Jesus Christ?

1. Christ commanded it.

There are many other places in the New Testament where the priority of evangelism is clearly evident. Look at the Great Commission found in Matthew 28:18-20. Christ commanded it. We must do it.

2. Christ is the only way of salvation.

Jesus could not have made it clearer in John 14:6: "Jesus told him, 'I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through Me.'"

3. Christ died for the world.

There is a reason John 3:16 is the most familiar and most quoted verse in the history of humanity. Jesus died for the world. He is the only way, but He has provided a way for everyone. It's the greatest message ever.

As a Christian, it's so important for us to get involved with Outreach and Evangelism. Evangelistic Christians grow stronger as better disciplined Christians. Those who are

evangelistic are obedient to Christ. Being obedient to Christ means that we are following His teachings and becoming a better fruit-bearing disciple.