

Evangelistic Outreach

Teachers Must Not Assume

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Churched -vs- Unchurched

- How many unchurched people are there in America?
 - A) fewer than 5 million
 - B) 20 to 25 million
 - C) 50 to 55 million
 - D) 95 to 100 million
 - E) more than 125 million
 - F) too many to count

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Churched -vs- Unchurched

- Just because a student has been going to church all his/her life, doesn't mean he/she is a true believer.
- *Going to church doesn't make a person a believer.*

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"Christian"

- In mid 2000 there was an estimated 95 to 100 million Americans of all ages which fit the description of "unchurched"
 - *The definition used is one that has not attended a Christian church service at any time during the past six months other than special events such as weddings or funerals.*
- While most Americans say they are Christians it does not mean they have a vital relationship

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Preach and Teach Christ

- The Word of God is Powerful.
- Trust the power of the word to penetrate hearts.
- Lift Jesus
- Share the gospel "good news"
 - **1 Corinthians 1:23** *But we preach Christ crucified, unto the Jews a stumblingblock, and unto the Greeks foolishness;*

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Use Examples

- Illustrative teaching and relating to students is important...
- Keep in mind salvation is the goal...
- Take time to find out what interests your students have... use those interests as opportunities to share Christ
- Be relevant ...
- One size does not fit all.

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Be purposeful

- John records, John 4:4, "*And he must needs go through Samaria.*"
 - Evangelism did not just happen by coincidence. Jesus and the disciples were intentional in their efforts, they made it a part of their daily lives. Evangelism was not a backup plan in case the other good deeds of the Church did not work.

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Be Led of the Spirit

- Trust in the Lord with all of thine heart.
- Partner with the invisible realm.
- The angels are assigned to help you.

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Know the Culture

- What this simply means, is that while we bought into our message and our beliefs, we also don't need to condemn people and alienate people who may have a religious experience and a love for God.
- Jesus and the Apostolic Church knew about the value of culture in the communication of the gospel. For example, in Paul's Mars' Hill address, he began his message by stating what would have been a compliment to the Athenians, that they were very religious people.

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Reasons people don't attend

- Strict and inflexible beliefs
- Hypocritical behavior of Christians
- Pressure to join the church
- Being told what to do or how to live
- Too much emphasis on giving money
- The worship services are too long

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Church dropouts 230 surveyed

- Hypocritical behavior of Christians -21%
- Strict and inflexible beliefs -21%
- Nothing in particular – 21%
- The worship services are too long -12%
- Too much emphasis on giving money – 9%

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Probability of getting saved

- Age 5-13 (32%)
- 14-18 (4%)
- 19 and over (6%)

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Ask for Wisdom

- **Matthew 10:16** *Behold, I send you forth as sheep in the midst of wolves: be ye therefore wise as serpents, and harmless as doves.*

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Be flexible

- The message –vs- the method
 - Closely related to their understanding of the value of culture, was the fact that the methods and gospel presentations of Jesus and the Apostolic Church varied from situation to situation. In other words you deal with each individual on an individual basis and level.

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Paul was skilled at Evangelism

- **1 Corinthians 9:19-22** *For though I be free from all men, yet have I made myself servant unto all, that I might gain the more. (20) And unto the Jews I became as a Jew, that I might gain the Jews; to them that are under the law, as under the law, that I might gain them that are under the law; (21) To them that are without law, as without law, (being not without law to God, but under the law to Christ,) that I might gain them that are without law. (22) To the weak became I as weak, that I might gain the weak: I am made all things to all men, that I might by all means save some.*
- *Though the gospel message did not change the contexts required different methods of engagement and communication.*

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Begin where the people are

- The Samaritan woman was not concerned with her heritage, but rather getting water from a well; Jesus used the felt need as an opportunity to speak of “living water” (John 4:10).
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- Philip did not begin sharing with the Ethiopian a discourse about Adam and Eve, but rather started preaching from the passage about which the man had questions (Acts 8:35).

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Be sensitive

- **John 8:3-11** *And the scribes and Pharisees brought unto him a woman taken in adultery; and when they had set her in the midst, (4) They say unto him, Master, this woman was taken in adultery, in the very act. (5) Now Moses in the law commanded us, that such should be stoned: but what sayest thou? (6) This they said, tempting him, that they might have to accuse him. But Jesus stooped down, and with his finger wrote on the ground, as though he heard them not. (7) So when they continued asking him, he lifted up himself, and said unto them, He that is without sin among you, let him first cast a stone at her. (8) And again he stooped down, and wrote on the ground. (9) And they which heard it, being convicted by their own conscience, went out one by one, beginning at the eldest, even unto the last: and Jesus was left alone, and the woman standing in the midst. (10) When Jesus had lifted up himself, and saw none but the woman, he said unto her, Woman, where are those thine accusers? hath no man condemned thee? (11) She said, No man, Lord. And Jesus said unto her, Neither do I condemn thee: go, and sin no more.*

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Make Disciples

- Though evangelism is the first step of the Great Commission, the mandate to the Church includes making disciples.
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- **Matthew 28:19-20** *Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost: (20) Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and, lo, I am with you alway, even unto the end of the world. Amen.*

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Teach, teach, teach

- Basically, making disciples is teaching, more teaching, and more teaching until Jesus comes again.

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