

# Reaching Out

## Why Are We An “Outreach-Oriented” Church?

### I. Introduction

### II. Why are we an “outreach-oriented” church?

- A. Because the Bible commands us to be outreach-oriented!
1. Matt. 28:18-20 (NAS) <sup>18</sup>And Jesus came up and spoke to them, saying, “All authority has been given to Me in heaven and on earth. <sup>19</sup>“Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit, <sup>20</sup>teaching them to observe all that I commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age.”
  2. Acts 1:8 (NAS) “But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall be My witnesses both in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and even to the remotest part of the earth.”
- B. Because of the needs of those around us!
1. II Peter 3:9 (NAS) *The Lord is not slow about His promise, as some count slowness, but is patient toward you, not wishing for any to perish but for all to come to repentance.*
  2. When a church decides it doesn't want to keep reaching out to more people, that's a sign of selfishness!
  3. Phil. 2:3 (NAS) *Do nothing from selfishness or empty conceit, but with humility of mind regard one another as more important than yourselves.*
  4. A church chooses if it wants to keep reaching people or not!
  5. Luke 19:10 (NAS) “For the Son of Man has come to seek and to save that which was lost.”

### III. Common excuses for a church to stop reaching new people for Christ

- A. “God isn't interested in numbers.”
- B. “We want quality in our church, not quantity.”
1. Mark 1:17 (NAS) “And Jesus said to them, “Follow Me, and I will make you become fishers of men.”
- C. “Large churches are too impersonal.”

### IV. How can I really make a difference with my life?

- A. Invite people to church all the time!
- B. Become a member of Vineyard Church North Phoenix.
- C. Begin serving at Vineyard Church North Phoenix.
1. Eph. 2:10 (NAS) *For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand so that we would walk in them.*
- D. Join a small group.
- E. Pray for God to use our church to reach more people for Christ.

F. Pray about attending one of our Saturday night Services (4:30 PM or 6:00 PM), or our 8:30 AM Sunday Service.

**V. Conclusion**