

What Does It Mean to be “An Extraordinary Follower of Christ”?
**Why Are We “Outreach-Oriented” - -
Both Locally and Globally?**

I. Introduction

A. “Transforming ordinary people into extraordinary Followers of Christ.”

II. What Does It Mean to be “An Extraordinary Follower of Christ”?

A. Commitment to Christ

1. Received Christ as Lord and Savior (Born Again)
2. Water baptized
3. Worshipper of God
4. Obedience to Christ and His Word

B. Commitment to His Church

1. Membership (Newcomers' class)
2. Consistent attendance
3. Small group participation
4. Giving of Finances
5. Serving

C. Commitment to His Cause

1. Sharing your faith
2. Being an inviter
3. Leading and discipling others
4. Ministering to others
5. Ministering to the poor
6. Local and global outreach

D. Matt. 28:18-20 (NAS) ¹⁸And Jesus came up and spoke to them, saying, “All authority has been given to Me in heaven and on earth. ¹⁹Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit, ²⁰teaching them to observe all that I commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age.”

E. Eph. 4:11-12 (NAS) ¹¹And He gave some as apostles, and some as prophets, and some as evangelists, and some as pastors and teachers, ¹²for the equipping of the saints for the work of service, to the building up of the body of Christ.

F. John 3:16 (NAS) “For God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him shall not perish, but have eternal life.”

G. Romans 5:8 (NAS) “But God demonstrates His own love toward us in that while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us.”

H. Luke 19:10 (NAS) “The son of Man came to seek and to save those are lost.”

- I. I Cor. 9:22 (NAS) *To the weak I became weak, that I might win the weak; I have become all things to all men, so that I may by all means save some.*

III. Some of the Ways We “Reach Out” As A Church

- A. Ministry to the poor.
1. Psalm 41:1-3 (NLT) *¹Oh, the joys of those who are kind to the poor! The LORD rescues them when they are in trouble. ²The LORD protects them and keeps them alive. He gives them prosperity in the land and rescues them from their enemies. ³The LORD nurses them when they are sick and restores them to health.*
- B. Sending small ministry teams out to minister.
- C. Doing “church renewal.”
- D. Church planting.

IV. Why Plant New Churches?

- A. It's Biblical.
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- B. New churches provide more options for “unchurched” people.
- C. Church Planting creates a permanent presence in a community in a way that mere evangelism doesn't.
- D. Church planting is necessary because America is becoming increasingly de-churched.
- E. Church planting gives us an opportunity to spread Vineyard Values throughout the world.

V. Conclusion