

An Outreach Church
The Importance of Church – Part 6
Life Church St. Louis – March 12, 2017
Lead Pastor – Dr. Dan Walker

Colossians 1:13 (NIV) For he has rescued us from the dominion of darkness and brought us into the kingdom of the Son he loves,

2 Corinthians 10:4 (NIV) The weapons we fight with are not the weapons of the world. On the contrary, they have divine power to demolish strongholds.

Matthew 16:18b (NIV) ... I will build my church, and the gates of Hades will not overcome it.

Ephesians 6:12 (NIV) For our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the powers of this dark world and against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly realms.

1. Make God's _____ priority yours

Luke 19:10 (NIV) For the Son of Man came to seek and to save the lost.

1A. Go and make _____

Matthew 28:19 (NIV) Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit,

1B. Teach them to _____ all God's Word

Matthew 28:20 (NIV) and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age."

1C. Accept the 2017 _____ Challenge

Acts 2:41 (NIV) Those who accepted his message were baptized, and about three thousand were added to their number that day.

2. _____ about the lost

Matthew 9:36 (NIV) When he saw the crowds, he had compassion on them, because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd.

2A. _____ for the lost to be reached

Matthew 9:37-38 (NIV) Then he said to his disciples, "The harvest is plentiful but the workers are few. Ask the Lord of the harvest, therefore, to send out workers into his harvest field."

2B. _____ the Spirit's power to be a witness

Acts 1:8 (NIV) But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth."

3. Reach out in _____

Acts 8:4 (NIV) Those who had been scattered preached the word wherever they went.

3A. _____ people to church

Luke 14:23 (NIV) "Then the master told his servant, 'Go out to the roads and country lanes and compel them to come in, so that my house will be full.

3B. Boldly talk about _____

Acts 4:29-30 (NIV) Now, Lord, consider their threats and enable your servants to speak your word with great boldness. Stretch out your hand to heal and perform signs and wonders through the name of your holy servant Jesus."

3C. Become a _____ of the Life Church team

Romans 12:5 (NIV) so in Christ we, though many, form one body, and each member belongs to all the others.

Action Plan for This Week

- Have a daily quiet time of Bible reading, prayer & writing.
 Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri Sat Sun

- How will I obey God's Word this week? _____

An Outreach Church Study Guide

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Intro. Name God's five purposes for the church and your life. Which of the five can only be done on earth, not in heaven? Therefore, what is God's main purpose in life for you and the church? Why is that purpose so important?

Describe the two kingdoms which every person belongs to, one or the other (Colossian 1:3).

What are the weapons that believers (God's warriors), fight with to rescue the lost (2 Corinthians 10:4)?

Describe the warfare between the church and Satan's forces (Matthew 16:18b).

Why must we often be reminded that our warfare is not with people, but with evil spiritual powers (Ephesians 6:12)?

1A. According to Luke 19:10, what was Jesus' top priority in coming to this earth? How can you follow Jesus' example?

1B. What is significant about Jesus' command in the Great Commission to "Go and make disciples" (Matthew 28:19)?

1C. Why is it essential to teach disciples to obey Jesus' commands (Matthew 28:20)?

1D. What can you do to be successful in the 2017 Plus One Challenge (Acts 3:41)?

2A. What keeps you from caring about the lost (Matthew 9:36)?

2B. What do most people think is the difficulty in getting people saved? According to Matthew 9:37-38, what is the limiting factor in people being saved and what is the solution?

2C. Why were the 120 disciples instructed by Jesus to wait to be His witnesses (Acts 1:4-5, 8)?

3A. What prevents you from sharing the good news wherever you go (Acts 8:4)?

3B. How can you compel people to come to church to hear about Jesus (Luke 14:23)?

3C. Why do we need to pray for boldness to share God's truth with others (Acts 4:29-30)?

3D. Why is it important for believers to be members of a local church in order to be more effective in outreach (Romans 12:5)?