

Reaching Out

Text: Philippians 1: 27-29 & Luke 8:35-39

The Plain Truth

Healthy Churches focus more on

_____ than _____.

R - _____ CHRIST WITH YOUR LIFE

E - EXPECT GOD TO _____

A - _____ TO DEEP NEEDS OF HUMAN SOUL

C - _____ TO PRAYER

H - _____ YOUR STORY

One Year Bible Reading

Feb. 22: Leviticus 13:1-59, Mark 6:1-29, Psalm 39:1-13, Proverbs 10:10

Feb. 23: Leviticus 14:1-57, Mark 6:30-56, Psalm 40:1-10, Proverbs 10:11-12

Feb. 24: Leviticus 15:1-16:28, Mark 7:1-23, Psalm 40:11-17, Proverbs 10:13-14

Feb. 25: Leviticus 16:29-18:30, Mark 7:24-8:10, Psalm 41:1-13, Proverbs 10:15-16

Feb. 26: Leviticus 19:1-20:21, Mark 8:11-38, Psalm 42:1-11, Proverbs 10:17

Feb. 27: Leviticus 20:22-22:16, Mark 9:1-29, Psalm 43:1-5, Proverbs 10:18

Feb. 28: Leviticus 22:17-23:44, Mark 9:30-10:12, Psalm 44:1-8, Proverbs 10:19

February 21 & 22, 2015



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Life Group Lesson



Week of February 22

Plain Truth:

Philippians 1:27-30

“Above all, you must live as citizens of heaven, conducting yourselves in a manner worthy of the Good News about Christ. Then, whether I come and see you again or only hear about you, I will know that you are standing together with one spirit and one purpose, fighting together for the faith, which is the Good News. 28 Don’t be intimidated in any way by your enemies. This will be a sign to them that they are going to be destroyed, but that you are going to be saved, even by God himself. 29 For you have been given not only the privilege of trusting in Christ but also the privilege of suffering for him. 30 We are in this struggle together.”

We want to be people that are willing not only to reach out of our comfort zone and share the gospel, but we also need to be willing to reach out to see people transformed through true community. For someone who is alone, or in need of community, nothing speaks the love of Christ like inviting someone into a safe and Christ centered space.

Below is an acronym for REACH that will help you share both the good news and the beauty of true biblical community with others:

1. R _____ Christ with your life

REPRESENT- John Wesley and others represented Christ by creating class meetings that would later become the Methodist Church. This was a company of men dedicated to seeking power and godliness.

2. E _____ God to act.

EXPECT- Expectations can be tricky especially when we have them set for those around us. Have you ever asked yourself, “What do I expect from God?” God wants to give us the desires of our heart and he is actively involved in our life and those around us.

3. A _____ to common interest.

APPEAL- This is so important for people in life groups. We have to do things that spark the interest of our unchurched friend and neighbors. Go shopping; bowling, etc. do things that will draw people in so that Christ can ultimately be shared.

4. C _____ to prayer.

Commit- How is your prayer life? Have you intentionally committed time to prayer and more importantly, prayers for your friends, neighbors and family that don’t know Jesus. This is the most important and valuable work that we can be doing as Christians.

5. H _____ your story.

HONOR- The biggest objections that most people give for not sharing their faith and not being invitational is that they won’t know what to say. But, if you have a faith that is alive and active, you should be able to share out the of the resources of your own life. How has the Holy Spirit been at work in you, how were you saved? Don’t be afraid of your own story, share it boldly.

For I am not ashamed of the Gospel for it is the power of God unto salvation!
Romans 1:16