


# Outreach





A hand is shown from the bottom, holding a glowing, golden orb. The background is a soft, out-of-focus sunset with warm orange and yellow tones. A large, semi-transparent white circle is overlaid on the right side of the image, containing the text.

# Reaching the Churched

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Sunday Morning Adult Bible Study





Mark 16:15-16

And he said to them, "Go into all the world and proclaim the gospel to the whole creation. Whoever believes and is baptized will be saved, but whoever does not believe will be condemned."





One factor that has made this more difficult is the development of Christian religious division.



How that is accomplished has changed rather dramatically over the centuries.









# Do Not Despair

- It can be difficult to convince someone there are problems with their religious practices.
- But the church can be reached by the same Gospel that saves those that do not know Jesus.








My word that comes from my mouth will  
not return to me empty, but it will  
accomplish what I please

Isaiah 55:11

We must have confidence in the  
power of God's Word and continue  
to present its truths.






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- These are people who love God.
- Their sin is no more damaging than your own.
- An attitude of superiority can be a big turn off.

**RESPECT**



- Maybe they don't have all the information they need.
- Maybe they need help studying the Bible.
- Regardless – be respectful

Approach an Individual from a Place of Respect



# Apollos Speaks Boldly in Ephesus

## Acts 18:24-28

Now a Jew named Apollos, a native of Alexandria, came to Ephesus. He was an eloquent man, competent in the Scriptures. He had been instructed in the way of the Lord. And being fervent in spirit, he spoke and taught accurately the things concerning Jesus, though he knew only the baptism of John. He began to speak boldly in the synagogue, but when Priscilla and Aquila heard him, they took him aside and explained to him the way of God more accurately. And when he wished to cross to Achaia, the brothers encouraged him and wrote to the disciples to welcome him. When he arrived, he greatly helped those who through grace had believed, for he powerfully refuted the Jews in public, showing by the Scriptures that the Christ was Jesus.



# Stick to What Needs to Be Taught

- The church needs the saving message of Jesus Christ.
  - Jesus came to earth
  - Lived as a servant
  - Was crucified by his own people
  - Was raised on the 3<sup>rd</sup> day
  - Returned to Heaven
  - Left us with the Gospel to guide our lives
- Let's not squander the opportunity to teach them by focusing too soon on doctrinal differences – There will be time for that!
- Consider how Jesus and the Apostles started with these foundational truths and built from there.

I AM  
THE WAY,  
AND  
THE TRUTH,  
AND  
THE LIFE.

NO ONE COMES  
to the FATHER EXCEPT  
THROUGH ME.

JOHN 14:6



# Conclusion

- There is reason for hope that we can teach the church – if we trust in the power of the Gospel!
- Be careful to assess where they are in their spiritual walk and begin teaching from there.
- Stick to what needs to be taught in the moment – there will be time for maturity.

Col. 4:2-4

Continue steadfastly in prayer, being watchful in it with thanksgiving. At the same time, pray also for us, that God may open to us a door for the word, to declare the mystery of Christ, on account of which I am in prison—that I may make it clear, which is how I ought to speak.