

Reaching Out Where We Live, Work, & Play

2023 and Beyond Message Series Week 1

1 Corinthians 9:15-27

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A. If God is going to use us to help others follow Jesus:

1. We must have a passion to share the gospel.

(1 Corinthians 9:15-18)

2. We must meet people where they are.

(1 Corinthians 9:19-23)

“[Paul] identified with the people he was trying to reach. He adapted his lifestyle to theirs in anything that might hinder them from hearing the gospel. He valued the gospel more than his own rights, more than his own comfort, more than his own culture. If there was any offense in his presentation of the gospel, he wanted it to be the offense of the cross, not the offense of foreignness.”

Zane Pratt, www.9marks.org/article/four-biblical-foundations-for-contextualization/.

3. We must have an eternal perspective.

(1 Corinthians 9:24-25)

4. We must practice what we preach.

(1 Corinthians 9:26-27)

B. How will CBC assist you in Reaching Out where you live, work, and play?

1. Message Series: “Ministering Like Jesus”

April 16-May 14

2. Smokin’ Hot Sunday- Outdoor Party

June 11

3. Summer Message Series: “Tough Questions”

June 11-July 30

C. 11 practical ways to Reach Out where you live, work, and play:

- Pray for neighbors, co-workers, family, friends/Watch for God to be at work
- Pursue genuine relationship with non-believers
- Invite people into your home and life
- Ask to hear and listen to someone's thoughts/story/past/perspective
- Look for opportunities to share your story/testimony
- Offer spiritual resources
- Attempt to have spiritual conversations
- Invite someone to CBC's Sunday services and ministries
- Ask to pray with a non-believer
- Invite people to Bible discussions/Read the Bible together
- Share the gospel



Celebrating Their Faith in Jesus Christ Through Baptism Today:

9:00 Service:

Chanté Rodriguez

10:45 Service:

Jason Hebbe

What is baptism?

Throughout the New Testament, people publicly displayed their faith in Christ through baptism (Acts 2:38-41, 8:36-38). They did this as an act of obedience (Matthew 28:19) to identify themselves with Jesus Christ (Romans 6:3-4).

“Baptism is a physical picture of a spiritual truth. Baptism declares your faith, shares Christ’s burial and resurrection, symbolizes your death to your old life, and announces your new life in Christ. It is also a celebration of your inclusion in God’s family.”

Rick Warren, *The Purpose Driven Life*, Zondervan, Grand Rapids, Michigan, 2002, p. 120.

Baptism is not a means to gain salvation. Baptism does not make you a member of God’s family; faith in Christ alone does that. Rather, baptism is a public expression of your personal faith.

Baptism is different than church membership. Baptism is a public expression of your commitment to Jesus Christ. Church membership is your commitment to a local family of Christ-followers. The only biblical condition for baptism is that you have placed your faith in Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins.

If you are interested in being baptized, fill out a Connection Card and check the Baptism box, or contact Aimee Conley in the Church Office at 717.426.1345 or aconley@cbcpa.org.