

# OUTREACH

## ...Bursting the Bubble



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# Definition of Church

*A community of Christ-followers empowered by the Spirit to participate in God's mission in the world.*



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# Vision of WPCC

*To be a God honouring Christian community,  
who passionately obey the Great  
Commandment and the Great Commission.*



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# Evangelism simply means to...

*Communicate the message of the good news about Jesus and what He has done for humanity.*



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Christians retreat to one of three positions when their attempt to evangelise fails and their confidence drops.

- **Avoid outsiders**
- **Stick with insiders**
- **Retreat into the Christian Bubble**



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How did Jesus interact with the culture and society of His day and what approach did Jesus take to spread the influence of His Father's love?

**Mark 2:15-17**



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Jesus intentionally created relationships with the outsiders that were broken, ignorant and entrapped in darkness.



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## Luke 19:1-10

In the Jewish culture the tax collectors, whom Zacchaeus was, were known as scum!

They were the most despised in society, they were known for their dishonesty



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Salvation came to Zacchaeus' house and then Jesus again reinforces His Mission in ...

*vs 10 The son of Man, has come to seek and save the lost.*

In other words, Jesus wasn't sent to live in the religious bubble!



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When non Christians feel radically sort after and accepted, they respond to genuine attempts of interest when we the church purposely follow the pattern of Jesus.



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Jesus was purposeful and intentional in crossing the cultural and religious boundaries to engage with irreligious sinners.

**Luke 15:1-2**



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We are to pursue the transformation of the human heart of those far away from God, by taking them Jesus' message of faith, hope and love.

**But how?**



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In **Luke 10:1-12**, we have an outline of some practical instructions Jesus gave His disciples as He sent them out to reach their local communities.



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# 1. Be a Blessing to People in your Community

*“May God’s peace be on this house!” (vs 5-6)*

The disciples were to be and to bring a blessing to the people they were reaching out to.



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# 1. Be a Blessing to People in your Community

The Gospel is meant to be good news. We are to seek peace and blessing for all people. We are to seek good for them. **(John 3:16-17)**



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## 2. Build Relationships with People

Jesus then told His disciples to eat and drink together with the people they were reaching out to. **(vs 7-8)**



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## 2. Build Relationships with People

Jesus Himself was described as a *“friend of sinners”* (**Matthew 11:19**)

As Christ’s followers we are to be relatable to people in our world.



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### 3. Meet People's Needs

Jesus goes on to tell His disciples that as they are building these relationships, they should then look to meet any needs that are there. For instance, He tells them to *'heal the sick'* (vs 9a)



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### 3. Meet People's Needs

Remember, Jesus went about *'doing good and healed'* (**Acts 10:38**).

We are to demonstrate God's love in practical ways, with *'no strings attached'*. Find a need and meet it (**Luke 10:25-37**)



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## 4. Share the Good News about Jesus

Only after meeting the immediate needs does Jesus then instruct his disciples to preach the gospel **(vs 9b)**



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