

7 Benefits of Outreach

Acts 2:42-47

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Memory Verse: *They gave to anyone as he had need.* —Acts 2:45

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Why do outreach?

A. Jesus **Commands** us to Reach out.

“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.”
—Acts 1:8

“All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Therefore Go...”
—Matthew 28:18

B. Benefits of Outreach

1. Outreach **counters** Me-first society. (Narcissism)

Narcissus, in Greek mythology, was a hunter who was renowned for his beauty. He fell in love with his own reflection in a pool, not realizing it was merely an image, and he wasted away to death, not being able to leave the beauty of his own reflection.

“Do nothing out of selfish ambition or vain conceit, but in humility consider others better than yourselves. Each of you should look not only to your own interests, but also to the interests of others. Your attitude should be the same as that of Christ Jesus.”
—Philippians 2:3-5

2. Shared outreach **knits** us together.

They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and to the fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer. —Acts 2:42

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Koinonia means—partnership, sharing

We connect deeply together when we dare greatly together. —Hank Fortener

3. Outreach **raises** the level of spiritual health.

4. Outreach helps to **identify** budding leaders.
5. Group outreach gives **Courage**.
6. Doors of opportunity will **open** for a group.
7. The life of Christ **shines** brightly through a group.

Everyone was filled with awe, and many wonders and miraculous signs were done by the apostles. —Acts 2:43

Power and joy are the Holy Spirit's by-products of an attitude of evangelism.

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C. What the Acts 2 Church did.

Gave (45)	Worshipped in large groups (46)
Studied (46)	Met in small groups (46)
Reached out (47)	

D. What we will do.

- **Give**—6 weeks of servant evangelism projects.
Begins Saturday, Sept 25. Meet here at 9:30 PM, serve 2 hours, regroup
- **Worship and Study**—6 worship services, 3 teaching, 3 invitation to Salvation.
- **Meet together**—16 small groups, 19 counting DISCIPLE. (some here at the church)
- **Reach out together**—
 - Salvation messages
 - Sermon Cards
 - Caring cards (Service projects)
 - Small groups invitations

APPLICATION:

An Invitation.

An Opportunity.

If anyone would come after me, he must deny himself and take up his cross and follow me.

—Mark 8:34