Sounding Forth the Word: Evangelism at the Blue Ridge church of Christ

I. Spreading the Gospel
   a. God intends the gospel to be spread
      i. The Great Commission – Matt. 28:18-20; Mark 16:15-16
      ii. The early church –
         1. Acts 8:1-4 – They went everywhere spreading the word
         2. 1 Thess. 1:8-10 – The word sounded forth from them
      iii. Individuals
         1. John 1:35-42 – Andrew brings Peter
         2. John 1:43-49 – Philip brings Nathanael
         3. Mark 5:1-13, 18-20 – The demon-possessed man spreads the gospel
   b. Our congregation spreads the gospel by…
      i. Weekly Preaching
      ii. Bible Classes
      iii. One-on-one Bible Classes
      iv. Bible Correspondence Courses
      v. Home Bible Studies
      vi. Classes for new Christians
      vii. Training of Christians to Teach others
      viii. Support of Preaching elsewhere
      ix. Planting of other churches
   c. As an individual Christian, we can spread the gospel by…
      i. Praying for the work
      ii. Financially supporting the work
      iii. Inviting friends to home Bible studies or worship services
      iv. Handing out enrollment coupons for correspondence course
      v. Hosting Bible studies in our homes
      vi. Supporting home Bible studies by attending and participating
      vii. Directing home Bible studies
      viii. Teaching the gospel to non-Christians
      ix. Teaching Growing in Christ studies
      x. Teaching Fundamentals classes
      xi. Baby-sitting for those who teach
      xii. Baby-sitting for those who attend home Bible studies
      xiii. Other ways
   d. Getting started
      i. Pick some items off this list to be active in
      ii. Make a plan and stick to it
      iii. Need more information? Ask!

II. Serving the Lord
a. As Christians we not only have sin to avoid, but also a great mission to accomplish. This lesson discusses three major areas where the Christian is active in serving the Lord
b. Serving in the Church - (Rom. 12:10-11)
c. Doing Good works – Tit 3:8
d. Spreading the gospel – 1 Pet. 3:15; John 1 – “Come and See!”

III. Conclusion