

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