

# SEACOAST CHURCH

March 5, 2006

40  
days of  
community

## Reaching Out Together

• During 40 Days we are doing two things: deepening the sense of community within our church, and reaching out to the community around our church. And the reason we're doing this is because the Bible says we're better together.

• Today, we are going to talk about how we are better together living out the evangelism purpose. **Philippians 1:27, 5** Paul thanked them for being his partners in bringing people to Christ.

### **P**ray Together.

A. Pray for your friends who haven't come to faith together.

**Colossians 4:3**

B. Look for opportunities.

◇ Prayer makes me aware.

◇ Action step is to make a group prayer list.

### **A**ppeal to Common Interests.

**1 Corinthians 9:22-23** Look for affinity.

### **R**each Out in Love.

A. Your motive is crucial.

B. Three reasons we do it.

◇ We have the greatest news in the world to share.

◇ Out of gratitude.

◇ Because the Bible says, "God is love." **1 Thessalonians 2:8**

C. Too many Christians reach out in judgment instead.

**1 Corinthians 5:12**

### **T**ell Your Story.

A. It's hard to argue with your story. **1 Peter 2:9; Acts 1:8**

B. Some ways to start telling your story.

◇ Listen for problems that Jesus has helped you with.

◇ Relate to a current event.

◇ Start with an apology.

◇ Write out your story and share it with your group.

### **N**urture Friendships.

A. Build a bridge between two hearts and Christ can walk across.

B. Have a party! **Matthew 9:10**

◇ Christians tend to go to extremes: imitation or isolation.

◇ The right approach is insulation and infiltration.

### **E**xpect God to Act.

A. According to your faith. **Matthew 9:29**

◇ God works in people's hearts when you expect Him to do so.

B. It doesn't take a lot of faith.

◇ If you put a little faith in a big God, you're going to get big results.

### **R**epresent Christ With Your Life.

A. We need to be audiovisual Christians. **Colossians 3:17**

B. Your friends need to be shown how to get to heaven.

### Conclusion:

• The most dangerous prayer you could pray is two words, "Use me!"

**Next Sunday: *What Destroys & Builds Relationships***