

Reading: Acts 2:36-47

Topic: The Four Major Sources
Of Church Growth

INTRODUCTION: Though there are many avenues and _____ of growing the church, there are four major _____ of church growth that have been proven to be the most effective.

I. First Time Visitors:

A. Walk Ins:

1. Some people are looking for a spiritual _____ where they can find the answers and purpose for their lives, so they began to literally go church _____ without being invited. Mt. 5:6
2. In today's modern technology, many people are doing their church _____ online before going to the church to _____ it out, but they show up without being invited by anyone.

B. Family & Friends:

1. Most of the first-time visitors to a church, about 80 percent are there because they were _____ by a family member, an acquaintance or a _____. Jn. 1:43-46
2. This is the most reliable source of first time visitors to the _____ because the individual being invited will be going with or meeting someone they already _____ when they get there.

C. Outreach:

1. The outreach of a church through a regular team _____ that does weekly intentional targeted areas or communities will also produce _____ time visitors.
2. More will be added to the outreach subject in section four.

II. HOME BIBLE STUDIES:

A. For First Time Visitors:

1. Some first time visitors will be _____ for God and once they feel the presence of God in a service, they will readily accept the opportunity to take a Home _____ study.
2. The Home Bible Study is the opportunity to reveal the _____ of the Word of God in a quiet and personal setting where the _____ is able to ask questions and get answers. Acts 8:26-31

B. Builds Relationships:

1. The Home Bible Study method of evangelism is the _____ effective soul-winning ministry as it plants the knowledge of the _____ of God into the heart and mind of the student. Acts 5:42
2. During the period of weeks as the teacher and students are studying together a _____ is developed that brings the individual _____ to the Body of Christ and helps to ground them.
3. No one is ever the same again after they have been taught the _____ of God even if they do not accept and obey the Gospel, but the _____ who do accept and obey are much more likely to survive and grow spiritually because of that Word of God foundation they have received. Mt. 7:24,25

III. THE SUNDAY SCHOOL:

A. The Souls That Are Young & Tender:

1. For many years, some churches regarded the Sunday Scholl as mostly a _____-sitting task to entertain the kids while the adults had their _____ in the sanctuary.
2. In some countries where missionaries went to minister and share the _____, the adults did not even bring the children inside the _____ and just left them outside to play.
3. Thankfully, this attitude was changed in the last _____ of generations and people began to understand and realize that these children were also _____ that needed to be saved. Mk. 10:13-16

B. The Classroom Of Souls:

1. Every Sunday School class from the nursery to the teen classes have a part in reaching the _____ of the children and youth that they spend _____ with in a classroom once every week.
2. Teachers have the opportunity to lead the children and youth to the point of _____ to believe and obey the _____ and be saved.
3. Never underestimate the influence that you have as teachers through the _____ of the Spirit of God and the _____ of God to reach the students and see them saved.

IV. CONSTANT CONTACT CONSCIOUSNESS – SOCIETY OF SOUL WINNERS:

A. The Whole Church Concept:

1. The Constant Contact Consciousness which is _____ renamed as the Society of Soul Winners is an opportunity for every individual in the _____ to participate in the outreach process.
2. The benefit of this outreach process is that it can be _____ anywhere by anyone at anytime by simply giving an invitation business _____ to a friend, a coworker, a neighbor, a cashier, etc.

B. Sowing A Seed:

1. The idea of giving the card to an individual, even a total stranger, is like planting a _____ into the soil and if the _____ conditions are there, the seed will start to germinate and grow. Mk. 4:8
2. It may take time, sometimes even a long time, but some people who have a spiritual _____ and thirst for God will put that _____ in their wallet or purse and in a certain God given moment they do see it and decide to come and see what is happening.
3. Some people have showed up at the church for as long as _____ years after having received the invitation card and they came and were _____.

C. Fishers of Men:

1. Jesus called some of His disciples who were in the fishing business to come and _____ Him and He would train them to be _____ of men. Mt. 4:18-20
2. This is another comparison to the Society of Soul Winners, where passing someone the _____ is like giving the _____ to the fish and the hungry ones will bite.

CONCLUSION: There are other ministries of the _____ that are very valuable in reaching the lost but these _____ have proven to be the most productive in reaching people with the Gospel.