

Top 10 Reasons the Church is Lacking in Evangelism

1. Most Christians don't have a sense of urgency to reach lost people. We would do well to strongly impress on believers the reality of eternity.
2. Many Christians and church members do not foster relationships with or spend time with lost persons. So often our key relationships remain within the church. For the sake of the world, we need relationships with those who are not of faith.
3. We are more known for what we are against than what we are for. Because of bad press and poor actions from a few, the reputation of Christ followers is smeared. With loving actions, we can change this.
4. Our churches have an ineffective evangelistic strategy of "you come to us" rather than "we go to you." Too many who need Jesus may never step into a church. We need effective ways to bring the church to them.
5. Many church members think that evangelism is the role of the pastor and paid staff. The Bible is full of proof that not only was Jesus the perfect outreach role model, it's also clear on the commands to follow and do the same.
6. Church congregational members today are more about getting "**my**" needs met rather than reaching the lost. As leaders, we need to think about how to help them understand that we can meet their needs and still reach the lost.
7. As the culture around us becomes more worldly and unbiblical, fear tends to get its grip keeping believers all the more silent. We need to strive against the tendency to "circle the wagons to protect," and realize that animosity, hesitancy, and opinions fade in the light of God's amazing hope and love.
8. Many church members don't really believe that Christ is the only way of salvation. This is an error in theology and thinking and coincides with reason #1, which needs reiteration of the truth.
9. Christians do not want to share about Jesus or the gospel thinking they turn off relationships or will offend others. Even though we hold the hope of everlasting life, many believers stick with the "don't talk religion or politics" mantra.
10. Many Christians feel untrained or not qualified for evangelism. This is why church leaders need to have some type of evangelism training in place.