

RENEWING THE CHURCH'S MISSION – NO. 7
“Renewing Our Commitment for Outreach” – Revelation 3:7-13

Theme: *We need to seize the wonderful outreach opportunities Jesus Christ gives us!*

1. The Open Door of O_____!

a) Meaning:

b) Significance:

- *Our door:*

- *Our difficulties:*

2. The Key of A_____!

a) Meaning:

b) Significance:

- *Do not...*

- *Do...*

3. The Pillar of P_____!

a) H_____ by Christ.

b) S_____ in Christ.

A Personal Plan for Personal Outreach

Developing friendships with people who do not yet know Jesus often requires moving outside our comfort zone. And with our busy lifestyles, it takes *planning*. If we do not plan to cultivate friendships, we will find that we never have the time to do so.

STEP #1: BECOME AWARE of the unbelievers that God has placed in your life!

- Notice them. Make a list of them by name.
- Realize that God has called you to impact their lives for Christ.

STEP #2: COMMIT TO PRAYER!

- Use your list of names to pray daily for for 1 or 2 of them by name.
- Ask God to use you to demonstrate His love and give you opportunities to share a clear witness as He opens people's hearts.

STEP #3: SHOW YOU CARE!

- If you have a neighbor you have never met, introduce yourself.
- Look for needs and be open to opportunities to respond in practical ways.
- Be a good listener. It is a great way to show love.
- Accept people as they are without being judgmental.

STEP #4: BE READY TO SHARE!

- Seek to be a positive, joyful follower of Christ.
- Be patient. Allow God to open doors and hearts!
- Ask questions that lead to spiritual discussions.
- Give them appropriate recording or book that relate to a question or concern they have.
- Invite people to church with you if they do not currently attend a Christian church.