

Advance on all Fronts
Isaiah 55:11
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Thesis: I want to show how we can advance on the world in a spiritual sense.

- Intro:
1. Today, I want us to consider small ways, but good ways to get people interested in the Lord's church.
 2. Helping others learn about God is not always easy (**Acts 20:24**)

I. Why do we need to advance the Word of God on all fronts?

A. There are opportunities that are not being used.

1. We have a vast amount of ways to reach out to those around us, we ought to use them.
2. The ways we are going to discuss are not particularly difficult and do not require a VAST amount of time or knowledge to do so. We just simply need to take advantage of opportunities, some of which we may have not considered before.

B. Truth must go out.

1. We must do what we can to reach the lost. This includes doing things we haven't done before; without going beyond what is scriptural.
2. **We need to do what we can to keep the church and the Bible truths in front of people as much as possible.**

II. Where can we advance the Word of God?

A. Holiday cards or newsletters. (**Happy Holidays & communication slide**)

1. Paul encouraged the weak and the faithful & refuted false teachings all through letters (**1 Timothy 3:14-15**)
2. We can use this form of communication to inform others of how much you enjoy being a part of the Lord's church, and tell about some events that have recently taken place or will be coming up in the near future.

B. Phone calls & Emails (**cell phone & email slide**)

1. All of us use the phone at some point in the day, why not use it to invite others to come to services with us.
2. Sending an email can take only a few minutes and can reach large numbers of people.

3. Social Media & websites (**social media & website slide**)

1. With so many using social media; it is easy to announce church events and to invite others to events. By "following" church related pages others can learn of activities of the church.

Galatians 6:10 – these opportunities include the opportunities we have to put truth before the eyes and ears of others.

III. What can come from advancing the Word of God in such ways?

A. New visitors to services (**Eph 4:15a**)

1. Through these small steps we can find ourselves with new visitors.
2. When they come, not if, but when we need to be ready to meet them, teach them and encourage them; **not** criticize them.

B. New opportunities for Bible studies (**John 4:35**)

1. We these opportunities come we need to take them.
2. We must be prepared for these opportunities by using a plan for a Bible study (briefly discuss study options)

Application & Conclusion:

1. Are you willing to take steps, even small ones to help bring people to the Lord's church?
2. If you are not willing then, why not?
3. Full Invitation