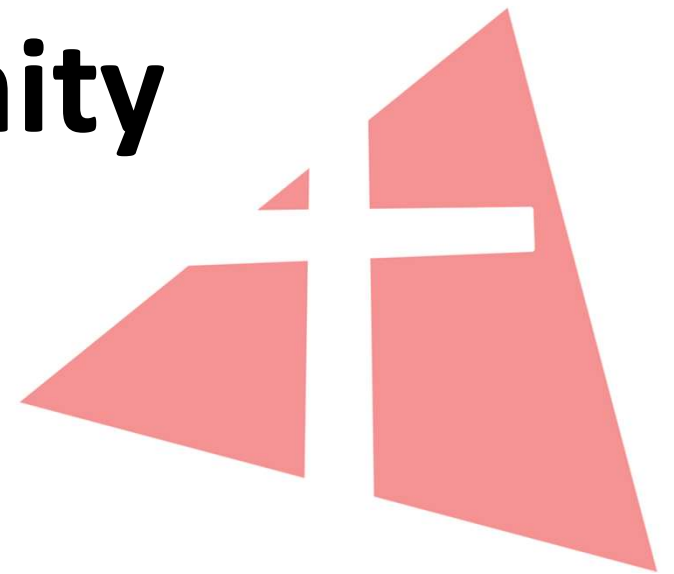


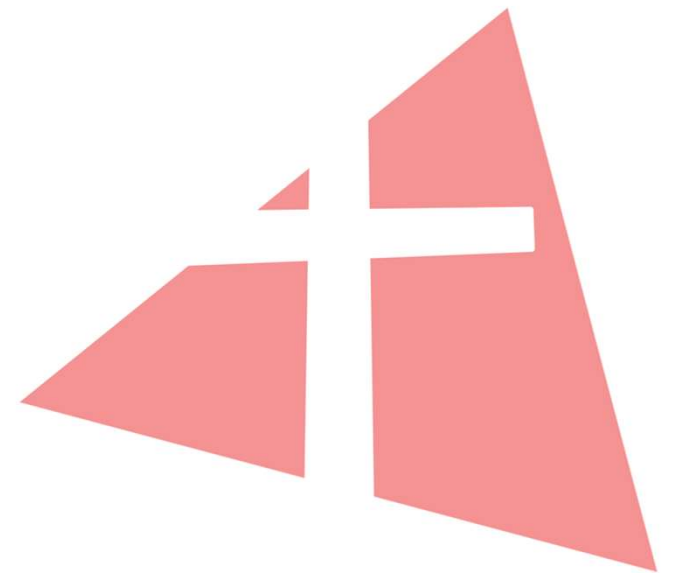
# Outreach and Community

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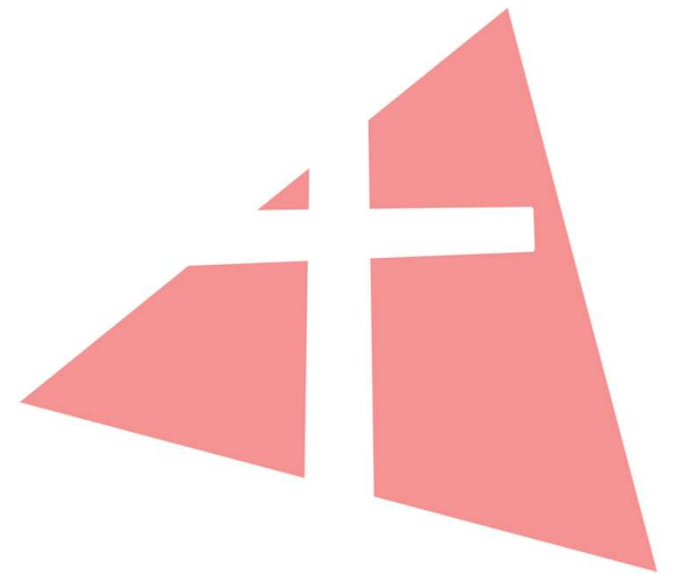
# Outreach

- **Aletheia is entering a new season**
- **Want to remind ourselves of a few basics of Evangelism**
  - Love for the lost
  - Go! Take the first step!



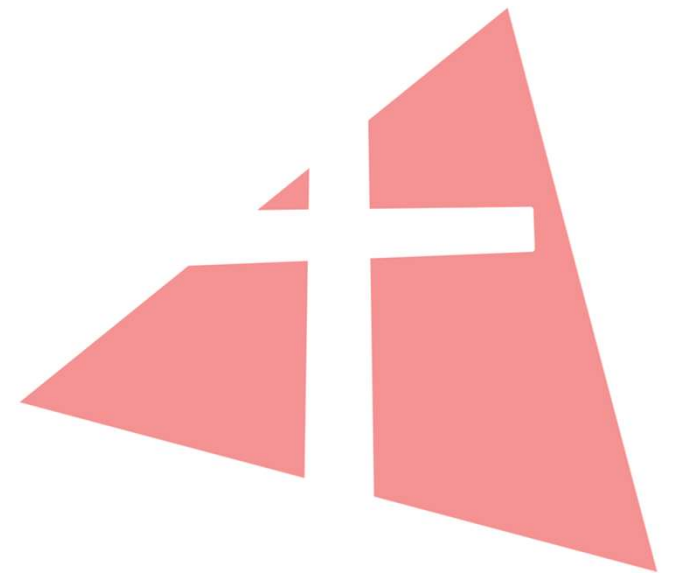
# Today's Focus

- **Outreach and Community**



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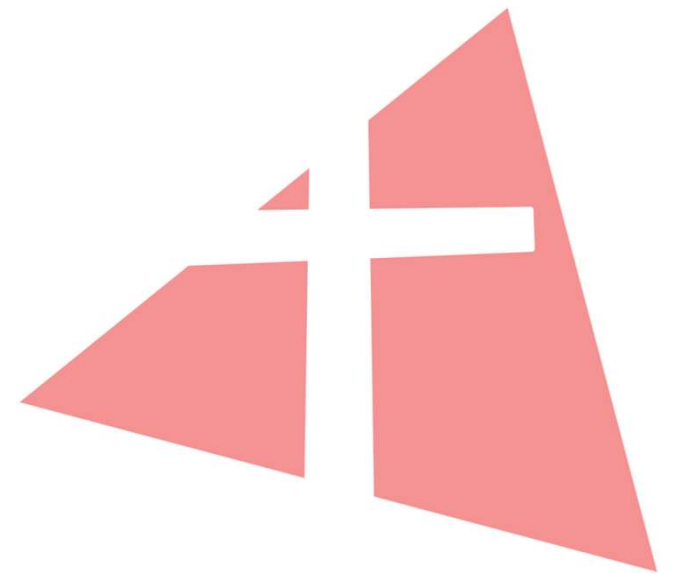
- **Leading a person in a “Sinner’s Prayer”**
- **Bringing people to church**
- **Telling someone about Jesus**



# What is Outreach

## ○ Teaching

- Who Jesus is
- God's Holiness
- Our sinfulness
- Heaven and hell
- The cross
- Our choice
- ...



# Teaching in the Book of Acts

*Acts 8:35 Then Philip opened his mouth, and began at the same scripture, and preached unto him Jesus.*

*Acts 17:2 And Paul, as his manner was, went in unto them, and three sabbath days reasoned with them out of the scriptures,*

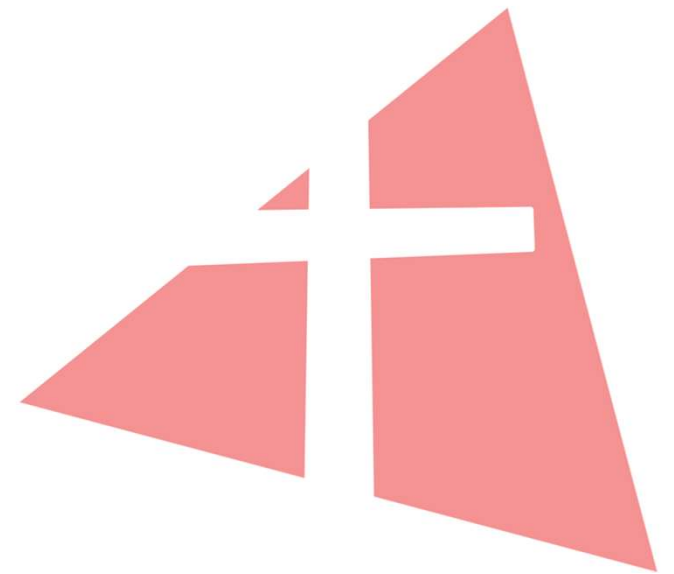
*Acts 28:23 And when they had appointed him a day, there came many to him into his lodging; to whom he expounded and testified of the kingdom of God, persuading them concerning Jesus, both out of the law of Moses, and out of the prophets, from morning till evening.*

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# What is Outreach

## ○ Discipleship

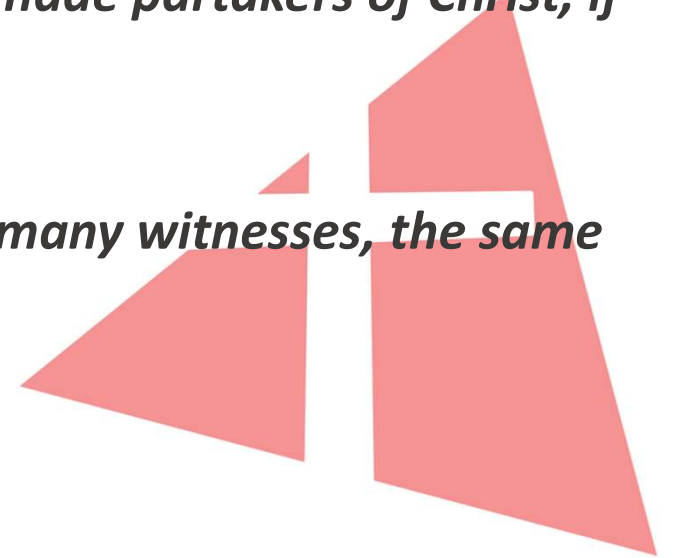
- Accountability
- Repentance
- Prayer
- Reading the Bible



# Discipleship in the NT

*Hebrews 3:12-14 Take heed, brethren, lest there be in any of you an evil heart of unbelief, in departing from the living God. But exhort one another daily, while it is called Today; lest any of you be hardened through the deceitfulness of sin. For we are made partakers of Christ, if we hold the beginning of our confidence steadfast unto the end;*

*2 Timothy 2:2 And the things that you have heard of me among many witnesses, the same commit to faithful men, who shall be able to teach others also.*



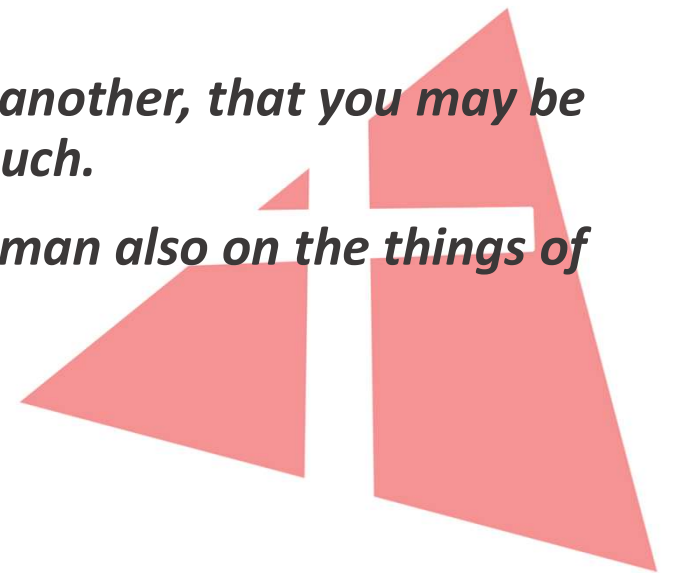


# Discipleship in the NT

*Colossians 3:16 Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly in all wisdom; teaching and admonishing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing with grace in your hearts to the Lord.*

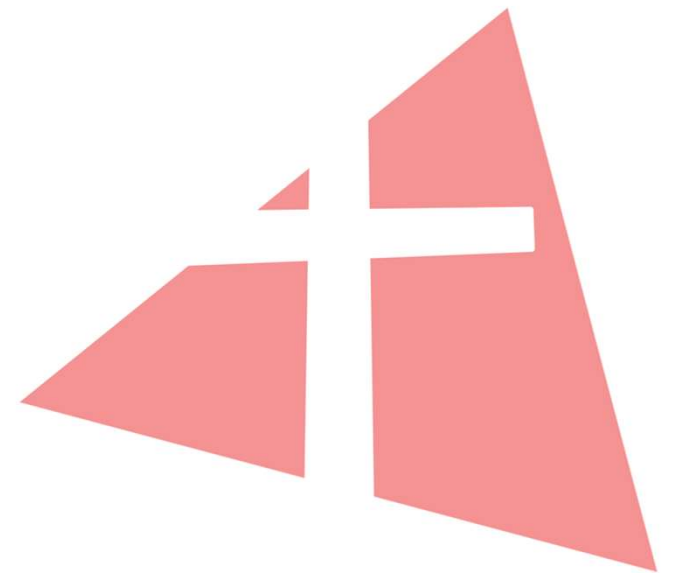
*James 5:16 Confess your faults one to another, and pray one for another, that you may be healed. The effectual fervent prayer of a righteous man avails much.*

*Philippians 2:4 Look not every man on his own things, but every man also on the things of others.*



# Evangelism

- **Evangelism is a long-term responsibility**
  - Teaching
  - Discipleship
  - Relationships



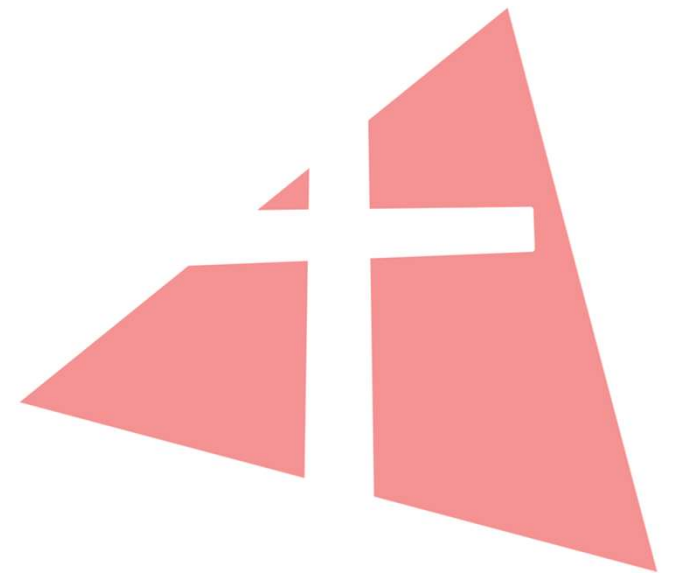
# Paul's Example

*Colossians 1:28 Whom we preach, warning every man, and teaching every man in all wisdom; that we may present every man perfect in Christ Jesus:*



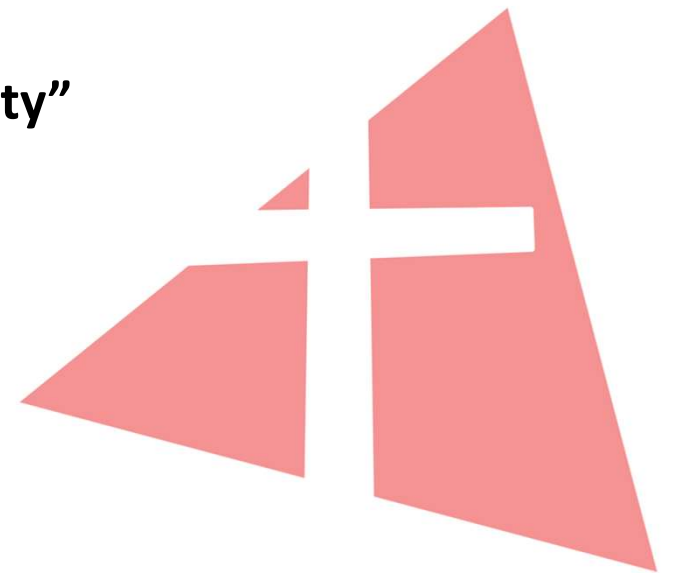
# The Obvious Question

- **Can I do this for every single person I am trying to reach?**



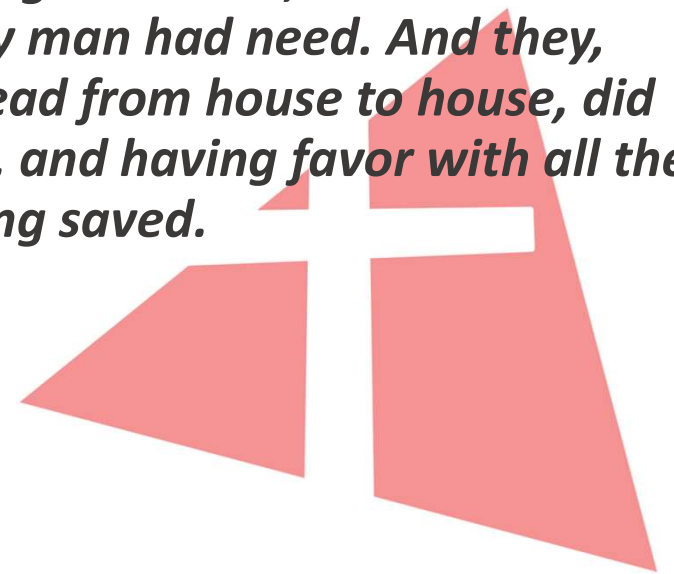
# The Solution

- Outreach is about “Connecting people to the church community”



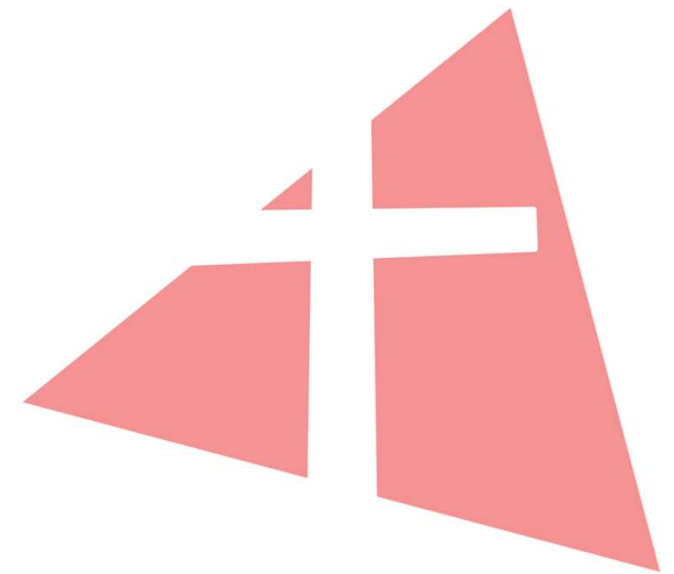
# The Book of Acts

*Acts 2:44-47 And all that believed were together, and had all things common; And sold their possessions and goods, and distributed them to all men, as every man had need. And they, continuing daily with one accord in the temple, and breaking bread from house to house, did eat their food with gladness and sincerity of heart, Praising God, and having favor with all the people. And the Lord added to the church daily such as were being saved.*



# Practically Speaking

- **Invite**
- **Connect non-Christians with church members**
  - Exchange contact information
- **Tell them about church activities**
  - Next Outreach Events
  - Explorer Group
  - Sunday Service & Small Group
  - ...



# Specifically

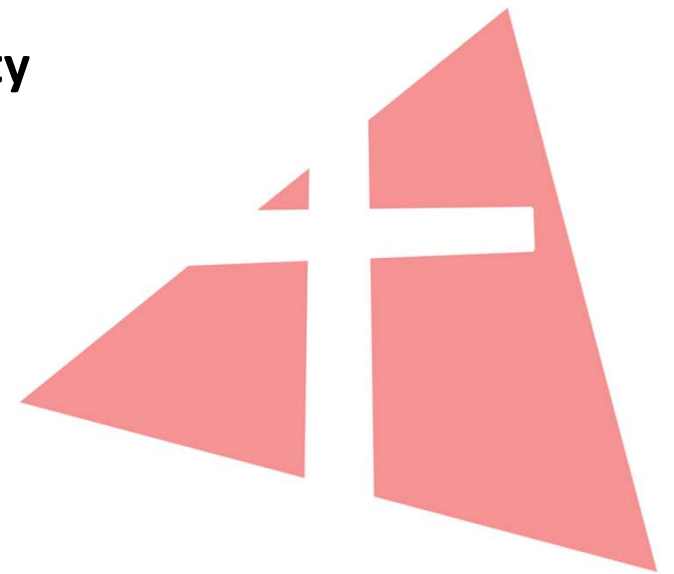
- **Let's connect those who are ready to take the next step with the church leadership**





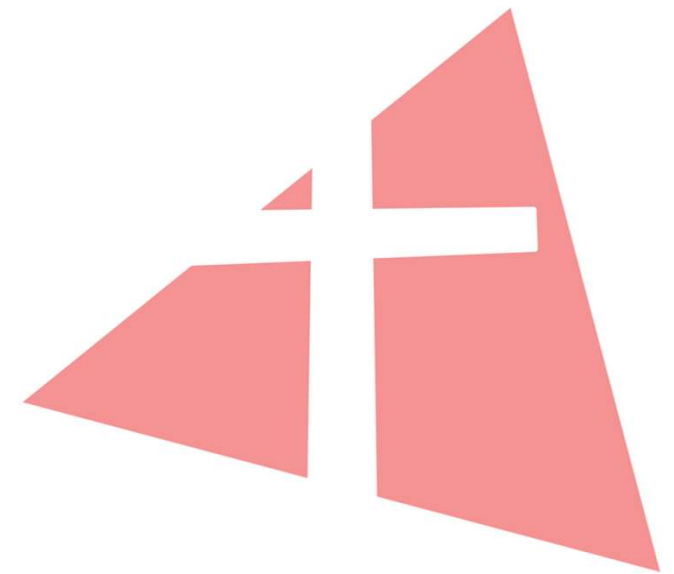
# Our Purpose

- **We want to help non-Christians become part of the community**
  - God will do the rest



# Our Approach

- **Not: First believe, then behave, then you belong to us**
- **Instead: You belong to us**
  - Then one day you'll hopefully also believe and behave



# In Conclusion

- **Let's continue inviting**
- **Let's follow up with the people we invite(d)**
- **Let's encourage them to join our community**
  - Outreach Events
  - Explorers Group
  - Sunday Services
  - Small Group
  - ...
- **Let's connect with people that others invited**
- **Let God through the community do the rest**

