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## The Great Omission

### Introduction

- The reason I lacked the \_\_\_\_\_ is because I lacked \_\_\_\_\_.
  - **Direction:** The most effective means of adopting the \_\_\_\_\_ of Christ is to be immersed into the \_\_\_\_\_ of Christ.

### *Apathy and Evangelism*

- “How did a word that means ‘good news’ get such bad press?” – Rich Richardson
  - First, we live in a \_\_\_\_\_ society.
    - Our understanding of our cultural moment needs to change.
  - Second, the church of the westernized first world has dramatically \_\_\_\_\_ and oversimplified the Bible’s definition of outreach.
    - The message of the Gospel has moved from that which demands a \_\_\_\_\_ to that which provides a \_\_\_\_\_.
      - I am not suggesting we get rid of the mall-foyer model, but I am saying we need to limit it.
        - We need to become \_\_\_\_\_ in the lives of those around us.

### Reestablishing a Biblical Understanding of Outreach

- εὐαγγέλιον
  - “Good \_\_\_\_\_”
- εὐαγγελίζω
  - “To \_\_\_\_\_, preach, or bring good \_\_\_\_\_”
    - The act of \_\_\_\_\_ is central to sharing the gospel
      - Romans 10:13-15
- Matthew 28:16-20
  - If our outreach is to be faithful to the great commission, \_\_\_\_\_ should define our mission.

- If we want people to learn of Christ's indemnity, we must maintain a constant \_\_\_\_\_.

### ***Definition of Evangelism:***

- **Definition:** Evangelism is "...proclaiming the Good News of salvation effectively so that people respond to the \_\_\_\_\_ of Christ in conversion and in \_\_\_\_\_." – Leslie B. Flynn

### ***The Problem***

- Outreach in the church is in need of moving from a place of \_\_\_\_\_ to a place of \_\_\_\_\_.

### **Getting Practical**

- Takeaways:
  - First, evangelism should happen in the context of \_\_\_\_\_.
  - Second, \_\_\_\_\_ must remain central to our outreach.
  - Third, the effectiveness of our evangelism is not measured by \_\_\_\_\_ response but by \_\_\_\_\_ faithfulness
  - Fourth, we are helpless if void of the \_\_\_\_\_.
    - Matt. 28:20

### ***Homework:***

Over the next seven weeks, I want you to engage in at least three evangelistic conversations