

# Organic Disciples



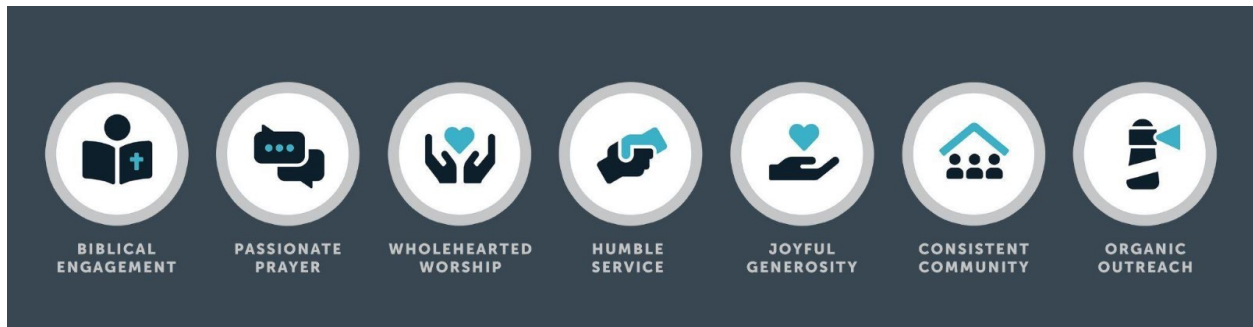
## SERMON NOTES

February 23, 2025

Speaker: Pastor Brian Bennett

Organic Outreach

Organic Disciples: "Organic Outreach"



Organic outreach is the natural result of a life overflowing with Jesus

Disciples of Jesus are \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, and \_\_\_\_\_ to the world of God's love.  
[Matthew 5:13-16; Acts 1:8; John 3:16-17]

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Disciples of Jesus naturally share Him with others as they B.L.E.S.S.:

- **B:** begin with \_\_\_\_\_ [Acts 4:31]
- **L:** listen with \_\_\_\_\_ [Acts 8:30-31]
- **E:** \_\_\_\_\_ together [Luke 5:27-32]
- **S:** \_\_\_\_\_ in love [Luke 10:30-37]
- **S:** \_\_\_\_\_ the story [John 4:28-30;39-42]

Sharing God's story is as simple as:

- \_\_\_\_\_: God's love, our problem, God's solution, our response
- \_\_\_\_\_: Admit, Believe, Confess

Closing verse: Revelation 3:20

Next Step Questions:

- Will you come to Jesus today?
- Will you share Jesus with your "plus one"?
- Will you boldly BLESS others?

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## Pathway Group Discussion Questions:

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How is God at work in and around your life?

- 1. Understanding Organic Outreach:**
  - What does the term "organic outreach" mean to you, and how does it relate to living a life that overflows with Jesus?
  - How can we ensure that our outreach efforts are a natural extension of our faith rather than forced or artificial?
- 2. Biblical Foundations:**
  - How do Matthew 5:13-16, Acts 1:8, and John 3:16-17 collectively shape our understanding of being salt, light, and witnesses in the world?
  - In what ways does the church serve as an instrument and witness of the gospel, according to the sermon?
- 3. The Role of the Church:**
  - How does the statement "the church of Jesus Christ is not the purpose or goal of the gospel, but rather its instrument and witness" challenge or affirm your understanding of the church's mission?
  - What does it mean for the church to be "blessed to be a blessing to the nations"?
- 4. Personal Application:**
  - Who is your "plus one," and how can you intentionally share Jesus with them?
  - Reflect on the B.L.E.S.S. approach. Which aspect (begin with prayer, listen, eat, serve, share) do you find most challenging, and why?
    - Did you download the BLESS app and choose Pathway as your home church? You can download it here: <https://www.theblessapp.com/>
- 5. Practical Outreach:**
  - How can you use your unique talents and skills strategically for the mission of God, as suggested by J.D. Greear's quote?
  - Discuss the penny doubled illustration. How does this concept of exponential growth apply to sharing the gospel?
- 6. Sharing God's Story:**
  - How can the GOGO (God's love, our problem, God's solution, our response) and the ABC's (Admit, Believe, Confess) frameworks help simplify sharing the gospel with others?
  - What steps can you take this week to boldly BLESS others in your community?
- 7. Next Steps:**
  - What does it mean to come to Jesus today, and how can this decision impact your life and outreach efforts?
  - How can you commit to sharing Jesus with your "plus one" and how can we pray for you and/or them?
- 8. How can we pray for you and support you this week?**

**Pathway reminder:** please take the assessment to help yourself and Pathway?

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**February 9 – February 15, 2025**

## **FINANCIALS**

Here is the weekly General giving:

\$38,410 up 9.7% to budget for W/E 2/15/25

\$212,518 down 23.1% to budget for Year to Date

\$7,596 Net Revenue after including other income through January 2025

\$21,349 for Missions or 16.2% of General Giving YTD through January 2025

## **CONNECT**

Total Worship Attendance: 1360

Online: 349

TWC Attendance Sunday: 629

Kids Sunday/Wednesday: 172

Students Sunday/Wednesday: 210

## **GROW**

Baptisms (YTD): 87

Discipleship Groups: 238

Salvations (YTD): 125

## **SERVE**

People Fed at Food Pantry (one day): 54

Weekly Volunteers: 63