



- 1 Thessalonians 2:8 – “So, being affectionately desirous of you, we were ready to share with you not only the gospel of God but also our own selves, because you had become very dear to us.”
- **“Reaching out”** means that we joyfully serve others for the glory of God. God’s all-sufficient grace is growing in us a sincere love for all people, especially for the people of this church and this community. And because people are so dear to us, we are delighted to share with them not only the Gospel of Jesus Christ but our very lives as well.

1 Thessalonians 2:1-8

1.) Reaching out is about **BOLDNESS** in the Gospel (v. 1-2).

- Boldness in the Gospel is a necessary ingredient of effective ministry and outreach.

2.) Reaching out is about the **GLORY** of God (v. 3-4).

- Ministry that brings glory to God cannot and must not spring from man-centered motives (Galatians 1:10).
- God deserves to be worshipped by everyone everywhere, and we have the privilege and responsibility of making Him known.

3.) Reaching out is about the GOOD of others (v. 5-7).

- The church is where we come to forget about ourselves and work together for the good of others (Mark 10:43-45).
- Ministry and outreach work best when Gospel boldness and Christian purity mix with Christlike gentleness and compassion (1 Peter 3:15).
- Not only are we called to speak the truth, but to speak the truth in love (Matthew 9:36).

4.) Reaching out is a necessary RESPONSE of love (v. 8).

- Seeking the best interests of others means longing to see them saved in the Gospel of Jesus Christ.
- We reach out because we long to see God worshipped, to see lost people saved, and to see saved people sanctified.

Summary

- *Do you love people and long to see them saved and sanctified?*
- *Does what you believe in your heart align with what you are doing in and through the church?*
- Because we believe that the one Triune God of the universe is worthy to be worshipped by all and because we sincerely love people and long for them to know Christ, we **SPEAK OUT** for the glory of God.
- **All Things New Card**

By God's grace, I resolve to reach out for God's glory in 2015.

Signed, _____