



## Dear Friends,

I recently met with a friend who serves as a minister in Sydney. He had attended a conference pitched at Christian leaders about reaching unbelievers for Christ. He was brimming with ideas from the conference about how his church might be more effective in evangelism.

I was all ears. Reaching lost souls with the gospel is core business for churches. This is clear from each of the four gospels, which expresses Christ's, and therefore, the church's mission.

*Then Jesus came to them and said, "All authority in heaven and earth has been given to me. Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. (Matthew 28:18-20)*

*For even the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many. (Mark 10:45)*

*For the Son of Man came to seek and to save the lost. (Luke 19:10)*

*But these are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name. (John 20:31)*

Working out the church's mission is not rocket science. It's spelled out in Scripture. The challenge for the church is to do it.

I thank God that evangelism is one of the three key priorities RPC's leadership has chosen to focus on over the next three to five years. We specifically mention reaching out to families, and connecting them in and welcoming them to church.

We have specifically targeted families because we already have connections to families through our associate minister, Kevin and his wife, Jenny and through other RPC families. Kevin and Lynn Moodie teach Scripture at Randwick Public School. Children from unchurched families from the school attend our weekly Kids' Club. Jenny is involved with ROC, a local Child Care Centre. ROC's Director, Anna, and her family, attend RPC. RPC runs a weekly youth group and kids' church on Sundays. It's why we are holding a Family Funday on Sunday 30th March. We want local families who don't normally attend church to dip in and give it a try.

We are just getting started when it comes to reaching families. We are also thinking about and making plans for how to make our church spaces more family friendly.

While we have prioritised reaching families, we are not restricting ourselves to families. I want us to plan and strategize how we might reach the lost in Randwick and the Eastern Suburbs.

But before we do any more strategizing and planning, you can already be involved in RPC's evangelism by praying. Praying is crucial to gospel ministry because its God alone who saves.

Kevin and Jenny have already urged us to pray for the upcoming Family Funday. Pray that God will bring many families along and open their hearts to receive Christ as their Saviour and Lord, so that they might join us in spreading the gospel to Randwick and beyond.

I also encourage you to pray for gospel ministry at RPC. Pray that we will faithfully preach Christ each Sunday, and that the gospel will be proclaimed clearly and in the Spirit's power to save.

Pray too that the Holy Spirit will give us the desire, skills and new opportunities to reach our neighbourhood and world with the gospel.

God Bless,  
Mark Adams