I. Introduction.

A. There are about eight major areas of doctrine but the Bible is not organized this way because the Bible is born out of real life situations that address more than doctrine.

B. Recruiting also is born out of life - it is not effective through a simple outline. We are to be doers of the Word and not hearers only. (James)

C. Recruiting must get a hold of the heart. (Acts 1:1)
   1. Practice what you preach, and preach what you practice. (Ezra 7:10)
   2. Counsel in the heart of a man is like deep waters. We do not know a lot a lot about recruiting. It is more important that we be working at it than anything.
   3. The great truths of Scripture must grip our souls.

D. The objective is to win the lost and build the saved - this is recruiting.

E. The great need of the world is for laborers.

F. Recruiting must have in mind sending - the recruiting is for something. (Mark 3:12, 2 Timothy 2:2, Isaiah 61, Proverbs 11:30)

G. Efficiency comes through training.

II. The need for laborers.

A. There are plenty of Christians to reach the world if only they could be laborers.

B. Few in the church know how to lead someone to Christ.

C. You get people to work through discipleship.

D. The ministry sends like the Holy Spirit - letting them go in the sense of backing where God has called them to. The ministry is the outflow of the life.

E. To recruit means to grow again. This is reproducing reproducers.

F. God wants some to be disciples and some to be Timothys. The ministry is broader than just who is on staff on an organization.

III. Recruiting is…

A. Not essentially helping people with their problems
B. Is being with people “after the message.”

IV. How to recruit.

A. Start by praying.
   1. It is not a matter of personality, but prayer.
   2. “Binding the strong man” happens through prayer.
   3. The spiritual battle must be won first.
   4. There are no pains without gains - disciples make disciples.

B. Be attractive for Christ. (2 Chronicles 15:9, Isaiah 45:14, 1 Chronicles 12:42, Joshua 1:17-18)
   1. This means that the person is in touch with God.
   2. This includes a personal walk with God.
   3. This includes a personal ministry.

C. Go after them where they work and where they live.
   1. For reconciliation we always have the responsibility of going. (Matthew 5, Matthew 8:15)
   2. The Christian life is about going. We are to come in and get refreshed and go out to minister. (John 9:10)
   3. Go and compel them through love to come in.
   4. You teach by sharing your life.

Application questions

1. What is recruiting all about?
                                                                                      
2. How is one to go about recruiting? What is the essential step? Explain.
                                                                                      
3. Where is the best place for you to start recruiting? Is this something you are willing to commit to?
                                                                                      