

# Outreach Encouragement – Bulletin Insert

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## A “Seekers” Understanding:

We live in a culture similar to that of John the Baptist. People around us are asking questions about spiritual things. Many are anxious about the future and living in much uncertainty. Many of these “seekers” have little understanding of a genuine Christian faith, but their questions and uncertainty of the future can offer well prepared soil in which we can plant and water the seeds of God's Holy Word.



## God will open up opportunities before us:

Note too that John didn't go in search of outreach opportunities. The people came to him. And John simply answered their questions. Similarly, God will open up opportunities before us. He will also provide the Word(s) for us speak, and too, the Spirit will bear in us the fruits of compassion and care for those who come into our lives. In all of this God gives the growth where and when He chooses. Likewise, in all of this we can simply enjoy joining Jesus in the work He is doing in the lives of all those around us as He draws His sons and daughters to Himself from all points of the global compass.



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