

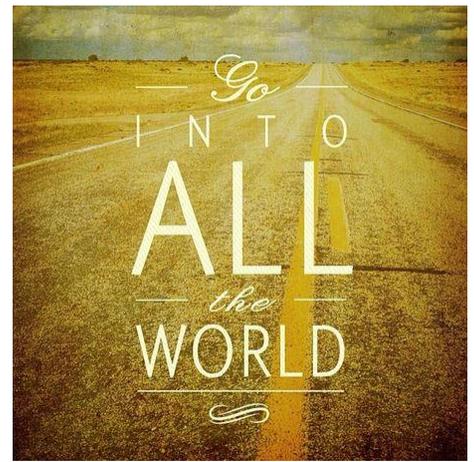
Disciplined Disciples

Northwest Church of Christ: Young Adults

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Topic: Are Dedicated Soul – Winners

This topic is often discussed, and for good reason. Jesus revealed in Luke 19:10 that He came to this earth to seek and save the lost. If that was His purpose, that needs to be my purpose. I would submit to you that being evangelistic is a requirement for any disciple of Christ, especially those that want to be considered mature or disciplined.



Important Scriptures

- **2 Peter 3:9-10-** “The Lord is not slow to fulfill his promise as some count slowness, but is patient toward you, [1] not wishing that any should perish, but that all should reach repentance...”
- **Hebrews 4:12-** For the word of God is living and active, sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing to the division of soul and of spirit, of joints and of marrow, and discerning the thoughts and intentions of the heart.
- **John 4:35-** Do you not say, ‘There are yet four months, then comes the harvest’? Look, I tell you, lift up your eyes, and see that the fields are white for harvest.
- **Matthew 12:34**

#1. Why we don't have more soul winners.

A. In his book, *Go Ye Means Go Me*, Ivan Stewart presents several reasons why there are not more soul winners:

1. Adult Christians are not setting the example
2. There are not enough “faithful” Christians
3. Younger Christians are discouraged not encouraged
4. The message is taught to the mind but not caught in the heart
5. Christians are not convinced that they will be lost if they do not teach others
6. Children of Christians are not taught young enough that they can and ought to go forth teaching Christ

#2. We need to realize that evangelism is not dead.

a. The Word of God is living and active

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b. The fields are still white.

2. John 4:35- Do you not say, 'There are yet four months, then comes the harvest'? Look, I tell you, lift up your eyes, and see that the fields are white for harvest.

3. Some might argue that the fields are as white today as they have ever been.

b. Michael Hyman story—"I have to spend my life telling people what I almost never heard"

#3. An evangelistic person, is a person who truly believes.

c. We know that the early church grew rapidly. There are many reasons for this.

d. Imagine that you witnessed some of the miracles of Jesus, His resurrection, then He promised you, He was coming back, how many people would you go tell?

e. Matthew 12:34- Jesus revealed that we speak about the things that are in our heart... If we truly believe that Jesus is coming back, and that people that we know are lost, we will tell them.

#4. Evangelism is not an option

a. "Moments with Monte"- Phillip people who guide down the path (Acts 8), Cornelius people who gather people to hear the truth. (Acts 10)



Discussing the Word

1. When is the last time that you studied with someone outside of the church?
2. Why do you believe it is hard to bring Jesus up in conversation?
3. What is one way you like to proclaim the message of Christ?
4. How should a Christian's social media reflect our evangelistic nature?

