

Our Objective: Make Disciples

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I. Introduction. Text: I Thessalonians 2:12.

II. Evangelism is the first step to making disciples.

- A. The ultimate goal is to walk in a way that is worthy of God and to know Him.
- B. The primary objective is not to recruit someone to the ministry.
- C. The objective has a long-term goal in mind. (Ephesians 4:13, Colossians 1:28-29)
- D. The goal of evangelism is to establish a friendship in order to have an impact on them—this is real living. (I Thessalonians 3:8)
- E. One does not need to be wise for evangelism. (I Corinthians 2)

III. A person must set the pace for others.

- A. Paul drew attention to what he was in Christ.
- B. He also set the pace for what he did.
- C. We have to set the pace in our character and in what we do.

IV. A person must share his life. (I Thessalonians 2:7-8)

- A. This has to do with firm affection for others. (Matthew 9:36)
- B. Paul said he was willing to impart his own life for others.

V. God uses people who are doing their best to walk in Him. (Philippians 2:20-21)

Application questions:

1. Why is evangelism not the ultimate goal?

2. How would you respond to someone who says that drawing attention to oneself is arrogant, based upon the message?

3. How are you sharing your life with other people? What can you do to bring other people into your circles for Christ?
