

# “Church Steps” Following In The Footsteps Of Jesus (1 Peter 2:21)

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## Introduction

1. The importance of sharing the gospel with others cannot be overemphasized...
  - a. Jesus wants everyone to hear the good news of salvation – Mark 15:15-16
  - b. He has provided the gospel as God’s power to save all who believe – Rom 1:16-17
2. Jesus said in Luke 10:2 that there is a large harvest and that the Lord is wanting laborers working in the harvest...The question is why don’t we do this? (Luke 6:46)
  - a. Perhaps we have complicated something meant to be simple. Let us turn to Jesus and follow in His steps instead of programs and sermons...

## **I. Go In The Footsteps Of Jesus – The Command**

- a. Matthew 28:18-20
  - i. Go Make Disciples; Go Baptize Them; Go Teach Them All The Commands Of Jesus
- b. Mark 16:15-16
  - i. Go Everywhere; Go And Preach The Gospel
    1. 1 Corinthians 1:18-21
- c. Luke 24:45-48
  - i. Go Proclaim Repentance For The Forgiveness Of Sins!
    1. By the life we live (Acts 4:13)
    2. By sharing the good news of Jesus

## **II. Go In The Footsteps of Jesus – The Example**

- a. Invite (Step 1)
  - i. John 1:35-46 “Follow me”
  - ii. John 4:25-30; 39-42 “The Woman at The Well”
- b. Welcome (Step 2)
  - i. Matthew 11:28-30 The invitation of a wonderful welcome
  - ii. John 3:17 Jesus welcomed sinners instead of condemning them
  - iii. Matthew 9:9-13 “Matthew Is Called”
- c. Relationship (Step 3)
  - i. John 10:14-16 Jesus wants to know us like a shepherd does his sheep
  - ii. John 11:1-5 He knew and loved Lazarus, Mary and Martha
  - iii. Acts 2:42-47 The church were close and connected through fellowship, love and service
- d. Transformation(Step 4)
  - i. John 14:23-25 Jesus is the master teacher and His disciples were transformed by His teachings
  - ii. John 3:11, 14-15 Jesus taught salvation through the gospel
  - iii. Acts 22:10 Jesus sent others to teach
- e. Integration (Step 5)
  - i. Matthew 10 Jesus sends out the 12...

## **III. Church Steps Is Unity With Christ—The Steps We Take**

- a. Not All Do The Same Work But We All Together Accomplish The Same Goal
  - i. Ephesians 4:7, 11-16