

Just Walk Across the Room

There is no doubt what the mission of the church is, and that is to make disciples. Jesus made this plain in Matt 28:18-20 when He said, "**All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age.**"

Evangelism, which is what Jesus is talking about in this text, can be a very scary word, especially when the subject of making cold calls on people unknown to us in their homes is brought up as the means of evangelism. This kind of evangelism certainly scares me!!! What is interesting is when Jesus "walked" around on this earth 2,000 years ago, He had no formulas and scripts to follow in making disciples, but simply made an offer of redemption to people like us, many of whom were neck-deep in pain of their own making.

Astounding things can happen through the power of the Holy Spirit, when we follow the model set by Jesus. Rev. Hybels through his course on evangelism, which I am going to share with you on Wednesday evenings in May, invites us to step out of our "Circle of Comfort" and into an encounter with people who long for someone to take an interest in them, who will reach out to them with God's love through a smile, through encouragement, through transparency, and through friendship, just as Jesus did.

Find out how you, as a disciple of Jesus, can make a difference in the life of someone standing near you, and it can all start with a walk across the room.

There will be a sign-up sheet in the narthex at some point, where you may also pick up a book, one per family please, and your assignment is not to read the whole book at this point, but to read the 2nd chapter before we meet as a class. Classes will meet on May 1st, 8th, 15th and 22nd from 6:15-7:15pm.

I look forward to the opportunity of sharing with you the evangelism of "**Just Walk Across the Room.**"

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