

MORE REACH

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It is no accident that you have been strategically placed at EPAG as a part of our church family! I ask this question to believers wherever I travel, "What if we won one person to Jesus every year and took the time to disciple them?"

Before Jesus ascended, he gave marching orders to the church (believers) to go but, he told the disciples to wait. Isn't that a paradox? Go and wait! Yes, the Church was to go but they were first to wait to receive the infilling of the Holy Spirit. Jesus said, "You shall receive power when the Holy Spirit comes upon you. And you will be my witnesses, telling people about me everywhere..." (Acts 1:4-8 NLT)

I am reminded of the tragedy that occurred on September 11, 2012, at the Embassy at the U.S. Consulate in Benghazi, Libya, killing Ambassador J. Christopher Stevens and Sean Smith, an officer for the Foreign Service. The enemy attacked, and these two men didn't live to see help come to them.

Today, the church is called to put on the whole armor of God and be ready to fight the enemy. The enemy of our souls will do everything in his power to stop the church from being a witness. Paul reminds us in his first letter to the Church at Corinth that we are Ambassadors of Christ!

Remember the Keys to Reaching our City:

1. Be Intentional Everyday (Acts 17:17)
2. Take An Interest In People (Luke 19)
3. Be Willing to Invest (Luke 10:30-37)

PRAYER

Lord Jesus, thank you for sending us Your Holy Spirit. Teach us to wait on you so that we can go daily- reaching out, loving people like You love them, and taking time to invest in others. We ask for the Twin Cities, for Minnesota, for the United States, and the nations of the world as our inheritance. In Your name we ask for these things. Amen.

QUESTION

What if you won one person to Jesus every year and took the time to disciple them?
What tools would you need to make that happen?

CHALLENGE

Ask someone if you can share how your life has been changed- then tell them your faith story!

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