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## — “Folk Evangelism” —

Jesus didn't instruct us to “go out and get people ‘saved’.” He told us to Make Disciples of those who've heard and believed the 1st-Century Gospel Message. (That's the one that requires a thing called Repentance.)

No one can “Make Disciples” from behind a pulpit or even in a classroom. That'd be like trying to “teach” roomfuls of young kids how to ride their first bikes! That, as with the making of Disciples, is a Coaching assignment. Who in the organized visible church is developing Coaches for that critical Great Commission function?

“The problem with evangelism vs. discipleship is that evangelism is only a subset of full discipleship. Evangelism, by itself, leaves the church with a lot of infant, milk-drinking Christians. And then, to compound things, these same immature believers are 'trained' in evangelism. It's like multi-level *pyramid* marketing where you become a distributor to sign up more distributors. The 'product' (if any) is secondary.

“Not all believers are called to be evangelists, but we are all called to be Disciple-Makers. That is much broader than evangelism. The 'product' is seldom more than 'fire insurance'—keeping people out of hell. As important as that is, it's far from being God's total will for us! And taking immature believers with a respective VARIETY of gifts and trying to provide rudimentary training them to become 'junior evangelists' falls far short of God's intentions for us.” —Chaplain Dave Sparks, Truckstop Ministries, Inc.

Not sure about all of this? Read what Jesus said at Matthew 28:19,20. Read it in several Bible versions if you can.



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## Aren't we supposed to witness to unbelievers?

Do courts call witnesses<sub>[noun]</sub> to witness<sub>[noun]</sub> stands to witness<sub>[verb]</sub> or to answer questions about what they have personally witnessed?

“...[be] ready always to [give] an answer to every man that ASKETH you a reason of the hope that is in you...” —1 Peter 3:15

*From those who're inclined to always agree with me, I learn not much.  
From those who rationally explain why they disagree, I learn volumes.*

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