



Get Out, And Stay Out!

Get Out #1

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- **Jesus never intended for the mission of His people to be confined within the walls of a building.**

You are the light that gives light to the world. A city that is built on a hill cannot be hidden. ¹⁵ And people don't hide a light under a bowl. They put it on a lamp stand so the light shines for all the people in the house. ¹⁶ In the same way, you should be a light for other people. Live so that they will see the good things you do and will praise your Father in heaven.

Matthew 5:14-16 (NCV)

The Book of Acts reveals...

- Worship services weren't the **primary activity** of the church.
- The church was not viewed as a place to **go**.
- The **meetings** of the church didn't replace their **ministry**.
- The health and strength of a church is not measured by its **seating** capacity, but by its **sending** capacity.

You live among people who are crooked and evil... Try to shine as lights among the people of this world.

Philippians 2:15 (CEV)

*People who do not believe are living all around you and might say that you are doing wrong. Live such good lives that **they will see** the good things you do and will give glory to God on the day when Christ comes again.*

1 Peter 2:12 (NCV)

How do I get out and connect with my community?

1. I welcome whoever walks through my doors.

Remember to welcome strangers...

Hebrews 13:2 (NCV)

The LORD is your God. He is the God of gods and the Lord of lords. He is the great God...¹⁸ He defends widows and orphans. He loves even the strangers living among us. He gives them food and clothes.

Deuteronomy 10:17-18 (ERV)

2. I cultivate a sense of belonging to my community.

Where you go I will go, and where you stay I will stay. Your people will be my people and your God my God.

Ruth 1:16b (NIV)

Continue to remember those in prison as if you were together with them in prison, and those who are mistreated as if you yourselves were suffering.

Hebrews 13:3 (NIV)

3. I get involved in the events and activities of my community.

When we have the opportunity to help anyone, we should do it. But we should give special attention to those who are in the family of believers.

Galatians 6:10 (NCV)

4. I ask God to help me recognize opportunities.

Pray that God will give us an opportunity to tell people his message.

Colossians 4:3 (ERV)