

Evangelize or Fossilize

I Peter 2:11-12

- A. Getting Outsiders To Come Inside
 - 1. The only way to get outsiders inside is to have insiders go **outside**
 - 2. Be about good works in the **community**
 - 3. Many first century churches fully **believed; followed; and shared**

- B. Three Types of Churches That Fossilized
 - 1. **Inward-Focussed** Church
 - 2. **Membership-First** Church
 - 3. **Negative-Message** Church

- C. Mission Statement for the Bible School Ministry
 - 1. **Edification** through a systematic study of God's Word
 - 2. **Evangelism** through a systematic study of God's Word

- D. Christ Is Our Model For Growing The Church Through Community Outreach
 - 1. He accomplished this through His wonderful **prayer** life
 - 2. He accomplished this through His knowledge of the **Word**
 - 3. He accomplished this through His **teachings**
 - 4. He accomplished this through His **service**
 - 5. He accomplished this through His **actions**

***There is no greater model for us to follow today than that of Jesus Christ, who put His needs behind Him so that He could fully focus on our needs ~Philippians 2:1-11**