# Walk This Way

(1 Thessalonians 2:1-13)

### Introduction: 1. Jesus called his disciples to "follow him" (Matthew 4:19).

- 2. The apostle Paul then called Christians to follow him as he followed Jesus (1 Corinthians 11:1).
- 3. Ideally, we then should be able to call the world to follow us.
- 4. But what way of life should we be calling people to follow? What are we called to be, and what should we be calling others to be?

#### I. Be Biblical

- A. (1 Thessalonians 2:1-4).
- B. His life was firmly fixed on the importance of Scripture.
- C. (Psalm 119:11).
- D. (2 Timothy 4:2-4).
- E. (Jeremiah 7:3, 31).
- F. (Galatians 4:16).
- G. (Hosea 4:6).
- H. (Matthew 24:35).

#### II. Be Authentic

- A. (1 Thessalonians 2:5-6).
- B. (Philippians 1:15-16).
- C. (1 Timothy 6:5).

#### III. Be Gracious

- A. (1 Thessalonians 2:7-11).
- B. Are we more abrasive and judgmental than we are compassionate and tolerant?
- C. Paul not only preached, but he gave his life.
- D. (Micah 6:8)
- E. (James 2:13).

#### IV. Be Relevant

- A. (1 Thessalonians 2:12-13).
- B. There must be a link between our walk and our talk.
- C. (Romans 2:1-24).
- D. (Ephesians 4:1; Colossians 1:10; 1 Thessalonians 2:12).
- E. Christianity must become more than theological arguments, but it must become a practical way of life if it is to be accepted.

## Conclusion: 1. Let's walk this way.

2. In so doing, we'll be following Jesus and we'll also be an example for others to follow.