



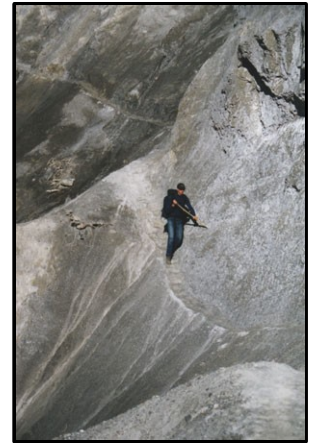
# There Goes the Neighborhood

Passage: [1 Thess 4:11-12](#)

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They refuse to **assimilate**

(1 Thess 1:8-9; Eph 2:19; Col 1:21-22; Php 3:20; Eph 1:20-21; 2:5-6; 1 Pet 2:11)



Excellence  
Purity  
Sanctification  
Brotherhood  
Alienhood

They **mind their own business**

**Lead** a quiet life

**Attend** to your own business

**Work** with your hands

They have the wrong ambitions

Make it your ambition

Behave properly toward outsiders (1 Cor 10:32-33; Col 4:5; 1 Tim 3:7; 1 Pet 2:12)

Not be in any need

## The Plan

## Daily Devotions: Read God's Word Through

Oct 21-27: Matthew 19-28; Mark 1-11

### Reflect on the Message

1. Describe the teaching technique used in this sermon. (Can you think of other examples of this technique?)
2. Why do some people reject “aliens” living among them? Why does the world tend to reject Christians who actually do live like aliens?
3. What happens to the culture of immigrants when they assimilate into the host culture? What happens to the Christian “culture” when they assimilate into their host culture?
4. Read **Hebrews 11:13-16**.
  - a. What was the mindset of these heroes of the faith?
  - b. How does God respond to that mindset? Why?
5. Do “leading the quiet life” and the Great Commission contradict each other? Explain.
6. Describe various ways that Christians can end up “needing” their host culture. What effect does this have on Christians and the church?
7. Describe the “plan” of the culture toward aliens. Why is this their plan? Describe examples of it. What should we do in response?
8. Describe Satan’s role in all this.

