

GO and Make DISCIPLES

Living the Great Commission
Matthew 28:18-20

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Sermon Notes

Matthew 28:18–20 (ESV)

¹⁸And Jesus came and said to them, “All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me.

¹⁹Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit,

²⁰teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age.”

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(Answer key located on the last page)

Jesus did not call us to be spectators — He called us to be disciples who make disciples.

Jesus is not looking for _____ He is looking for _____.

I. DISCIPLES ARE COMMISSIONED BY HIS POWER

Matthew 28:18

"All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me."

KEY TRUTH:

Before Jesus gave a command, He gave a _____.

The word for authority in Greek is *exousia* — meaning the right and power to act freely without _____.

We are Christ's _____

An ambassador doesn't speak for himself — he carries the full authority of the one who sent him.

Every word of the Gospel is backed by the risen: King of Kings - Jesus Christ.

APPLICATION — This Week: Identify one person who needs Jesus. Text or call them this week. Pray boldly for them by name — asking the all-powerful, risen Jesus to move in their heart.

II. DISCIPLES ARE CALLED TO JESUS PROCESS

Matthew 28:19–20a — "Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them... teaching them."

KEY TRUTH:

In the original Greek, the one main verb is

_____. "Go," "baptizing," and "teaching" are all supporting verbs. Making disciples is THE _____ mission of the Church.

THE THREE MOVEMENTS

1. GO — Move toward people _____.
2. BAPTIZING — Call people to _____ commitment.

3. TEACHING — Help people grow in _____.

Making a disciple does not end when someone prays a prayer — it continues throughout _____.

Discipleship is not a _____. It is a _____, and it happens in the context of real, caring _____.

APPLICATION — This Week: If you are already a believer, name one person you could begin meeting with weekly to study Scripture. Then reach out to them today.

III. DISCIPLES ARE CARRIED BY HIS PRESENCE

Matthew 28:20b — "And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age."

KEY TRUTH:

Jesus ended the Great Commission not with a strategy, but with a _____.

From Matthew 1:23, Jesus' name Emmanuel

means: _____

OVERCOMING EXCUSES WITH HIS PRESENCE:

"I don't know enough Scripture." → His _____ is with you.

"I am afraid of what they'll think." → His _____ is with you.

"I have failed too many times." → His _____ is with you.

"I am not a pastor." → He is _____ you.

APPLICATION — This Week:

Set a reminder on your phone 3 times a day. Stop. Look up.

Acknowledge Jesus is right there with you — and ask Him for boldness to reach the one person on your heart.

Jesus has given you His POWER — all the _____ of heaven stands behind every word of the Gospel.

Jesus has given you His PROCESS — Go. Build a _____.

Baptize. Teach. Repeat.

Jesus has given you His PRESENCE — the promise that you will never, not for _____, be alone.

Answer Key

I. Commissioned by His Power

declaration / limitation
/ambassadors

II. Called to His Process

make/disciples/primary
/intentionally/public/obedience /
physical life / program / process
/relationships

III. Carried by His Presence

promise / God with us/ wisdom/ courage / grace / with
you / authority/ relationship/ second

The Good News

Therefore, since we have been justified through faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, (Romans 5:1)

The Bad News

for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God,
(Romans 3:23)

The Ugly News

For the wages of sin is death, ... (Romans 6:23a)

The Great News

... but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

(Romans 6:23a)

Guess What?

You can become a Christian right now and experience salvation and the gift of eternal life through God's Son the Lord Jesus Christ! Simply Pray this Prayer Right Now! **"God thank you for Jesus Christ who died on the cross for my sins.**

Thank you for receiving what Jesus did for me on the cross as payment for my sins. Please forgive me for my sins. Right now I accept Jesus into my heart and ask that he become my Savior and Lord! Amen!"

If you declare with your mouth, "Jesus is Lord," and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. For it is with your heart that you believe and are justified, and it is with your mouth that you profess your faith and are saved. (Romans 10:9-10)

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