

“Go!” Part 1

Mount of Olives | June 7, 2026 | Matthew 28:18-20

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Prayer of the Day

Lord Jesus, You have given us authority to preach Your good news to the entire world. Help us to be bold in doing so, not just in words, but by how we live. May others look at us, as spirit filled Christians, and say, “I want what they have.” Help us to be such pure Christ followers that those who lack Your presence in their lives long to gain access to You; and give us the wisdom and humility to provide the way. In Your name we pray, Amen.

Scripture Reading

Matthew 28:18-20

And Jesus came and said to them, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you. And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age."

Message Notes

Mathew 4:18-20

As he walked by the Sea of Galilee, he saw two brothers, Simon, who is called Peter, and Andrew his brother, casting a net into the sea—for they were fishermen.

And he said to them, "Follow me, and I will make you fish for people."

Immediately they left their nets and followed him.

Acts 17:22-23

Then Paul stood in front of the Areopagus and said, "Athenians, I see how extremely religious you are in every way. For as I went through the city and looked carefully at the objects of your worship, I found among them an altar with the inscription, 'To an unknown god.' What therefore you worship as unknown, this I proclaim to you.

I Corinthians 9:22-23

To the weak I became weak, so that I might win the weak. I have become all things to all people, that I might by all means save some. I do it all for the sake of the gospel, so that I may share in its blessings.

Study Questions – Read Matthew 28:16-20

ICEBREAKER – Getting started:

1. Who has had the greatest positive influence on your life, and what made their influence so impactful?
2. Have you ever been given a responsibility that felt bigger than you were prepared for? What happened?
3. What is something you have learned that you enjoy teaching to others?
4. If you could spend one day with any biblical character besides Jesus, who would it be and why?

Based on Matthew 28:16-20, answer the following questions:

OBSERVATION – What does the text say?

1. As you read **Matthew 28:16-20**, what comes to mind? What stands out? What is interesting to you and why?

2. In one sentence, how would you summarize this text?
3. What lesson or message do you think the author is trying to convey?

INTERPRETATION – What does the text mean?

1. According to verse 16, where did the eleven disciples go to meet Jesus?
2. What was the disciples' response when they saw Jesus in verse 17? What surprising detail does Matthew include about some of them?
3. What does Jesus mean when He says, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me" (v. 18)?
4. What specific commands does Jesus give His followers in verses 19–20?
5. What does it mean to "make disciples" rather than simply gain converts?
6. Why is baptism included as part of the disciple-making process?
7. What promise does Jesus give at the end of verse 20, and why would that have been especially encouraging to the disciples?

APPLICATION – How can you apply the text?

1. Who is one person in your life that God may be calling you to intentionally disciple or encourage in their faith?
2. What fears or doubts keep you from sharing your faith with others?
3. How does knowing that Jesus has "all authority in heaven and on earth" affect your confidence in following His mission?
4. In what ways are you currently helping others grow in their relationship with Christ?
5. What practical step can you take this week to obey Jesus' command to "go and make disciples"?
6. How does Jesus' promise to be with His followers encourage you during difficult or uncertain circumstances?
7. If someone observed your life closely, what would they learn about Jesus from your example?