



PV Household Worship

March 18-23, 2019

❖ **Daily Memory Verse: Matthew 28:19-20**

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

❖ **Song:** *Magnificent, Marvelous, Matchless Love*

Monday, March 18, "To See Jesus."

Read Matthew 28:16, 17

What does it mean to follow Jesus? What does it mean to be His disciple? Do you want to know Him more deeply and have more intimate fellowship with Him? Do you want to be able to truly respond in spontaneous worship when confronted with Him? This week we are celebrating God's salvation to the nations! We listened to brother Rod Wilton tell of God's work in Uganda. God is drawing people all over the world to worship Him. In Matthew 28:17 it says that when the disciples saw Jesus they worshiped Him. Their natural response to seeing Jesus was to worship Him. However, one thing was necessary for them to do before they could see Jesus and be moved into worship at being confronted with the risen Christ. What was that one thing? Verse 16 says that they went to the mountain to which Jesus had directed them. It was at the top of this mountain that they had their literal mountain top experience. Imagine them saying to Jesus, "*Well, Lord, we really want a mountain top experience, but we would rather go to the mountain over there so we will see you later.*" The truth is, they would not see Jesus on their terms, but on His. They wouldn't see Jesus anywhere but where He told them to go. If you really want to see Jesus and know Him more and worship Him in truth, it will happen only as you walk in obedience and go where He tells you. When we decide to do things our way we will end up on a totally different mountain than the one Jesus is waiting on. If you want to see and have fellowship with Jesus, you need to follow Him in obedience (1 Jn. 1:6, 7).

- Do you think a person can live however they want during the week (disobeying God) and then come to church on Sunday and truly worship God? Why or why not?
- How does walking in obedience to Christ spur us on in the worship gathering?
- Memory Verse: Matthew 28:19, 20
- Prayer - Father, thank you for the opportunity and privilege to know and worship You.

Tuesday, March 19, "Motivated to go."

Read Matthew 28:16-20

Something happened in the lives of those first disciples. Something big. Something transformational. Something changed their lives. Fishermen became missionaries. A tax collector became a teacher. A small group of disciples, huddling in fear behind locked doors, began boldly telling the Jesus story in the marketplace and the public square. Why? I suppose you could argue that they were finally buckling down and getting obedient, or they did it because Jesus told them to do it. They did it out of duty and a sense of obligation. No, it was far better...they could hardly help themselves. The risen Jesus came to them and spoke. His life confirmed what He said..."*All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me.*" This was God! They were so overwhelmed – despite their doubts and

misgivings – by the glory and authority of Jesus! The hope of the resurrection and the personal transformations they saw in their own lives compelled them to obey this One to whom all authority had been given. They couldn't keep Him to themselves. Nothing mattered more than sharing the story of the resurrected King. They wanted to live the “*Jesus way*”, to become part of this radical new community of love, grace and peace. Those that see Jesus in His power and glory are filled with gratitude and profound joy. No one really has to twist their arm to GO and tell!

- Are you motivated by amazement of the Risen Jesus or by dutiful obligation?
- How are you obeying Jesus commission to go and tell? Share about it.
- Memory Verse: Matthew 28:19, 20
- Prayer - Lord fill us with the fire of your Holy Spirit to carry the message of your love into the lives of the people you send our way.

Wednesday, March 20, “Knowing and doing.”

Read Matthew 28:16-20

Jesus commanded His disciples to go and make more disciples. What exactly is a disciple though? Strictly speaking it is a person who is a student of someone else. However, in the New Testament the word takes on a much deeper meaning. In verse 20 Jesus defines what He considers a disciple of His to be. Up to this point a disciple was simply one who learned from another, but now Jesus is saying it isn't only about learning what a teacher says that makes you a disciple, but it is also obeying what your teacher says. Notice He tells the eleven to make disciples by teaching people to obey what He has commanded. To be a true disciple of Christ goes far beyond knowing what Jesus taught. It goes far beyond knowing what the Bible says about different things. A true disciple of Christ is one who knows what Jesus and His Word says and then goes on to live those things out in their life in obedience to the glory of God!

- Have you ever known a person who claimed to be a follower of Christ and knew a lot about the Bible but their life didn't match up to what they said they were? Why is this a problem?
- If that same question was asked to your classmates, co-workers, friends, would their answer to the question be you?
- Memory Verse: Matthew 28:19, 20
- Prayer: Father, pour out Your grace on me to be a true disciple and to not only know what You say but obey what You do.

Thursday, March 21, “Go = Don't Stay.”

Read Matthew Acts 1:8

Jesus has some very important work for His people to do. Because we do not know who God is calling to be in His family at any given time, we must sincerely follow the command of Jesus – to be a witness for Him. There is a very important order of priorities that He gives us though. He does not want us to “Go” in our own strength, to the destination we want, to the people we feel most comfortable with, No! Jesus tells us we will receive the power to “Go” when the Holy Spirit tells us to go, where the Holy Spirit directs us to go, and to whom the Holy Spirit leads us to go to. I have often tried in my own strength and have failed miserably to witness to people, or make something happen “*for God*” that was of me not of God. Do not run ahead of God – wait on the Lord I say wait (Ps 24:14) and He will give you strength to do what He wants you to do. Our primary task as believers is to tell of His great deeds. We are charged to bear witness of our risen Savior Jesus! We are witnesses of His greatness! We must Go into all the world – here and all around the world!

- Read Matthew 28:19, 20. Who is this command to? So is Christian called to make disciples?

- Read Acts 1:8. Why do you think some believe that it is only a "select few" that are qualified to make disciples? Where are we to be His witnesses?
- Memory Verse: Matthew 28:19, 20
- Prayer: Lord, help me be a light into the dark world for You and for Your glory!

Friday, March 22, "Standin' around doin' nuthin'."

Read Acts 1:9-11

Jesus is coming again! Of that there is no doubt. The angels' words to the disciples were a little mysterious. After all, if I just saw someone float high into the air and disappear into a cloud I think my natural response would be exactly what the disciples did. Could it be that the angels were saying, *"Guys, He is going to come back just as He left, but in the meantime He has given you a job to do. So quit standing around."* Maybe, maybe not. The truth of the matter is this though. Jesus is coming back at a time that we have no way of knowing, which in turn means that we have no way of knowing how much time is left for those we care about to receive Christ as their Lord and Savior before He comes as their Judge! So, He is coming back just as He left, we don't know when that will be, so quit standin' around doin' nothing and get out there and be His witness!

- Read Acts 1:9-11. Do you have a sense of urgency when it comes to proclaiming the gospel to the lost? If not, what do you think it would take for you to develop one?
- Why do we think that sharing the gospel is something optional?
- Memory Verse: Matthew 28:19, 20
- Prayer: Father, create a divine appointment for me with someone to share the gospel with!

Saturday, March 23, Read Acts 8.

Review memory verse.

Prayer: Father, make us ready to hear your Word. Reveal your truth to our hearts. Give us grace to listen and obey. Bind the enemy of our souls and fill us with Your Holy Spirit. Give us joy as we meet with your people for doctrine, prayer, and worship.