



“The Talk”

Matthew 28:16-20 (NIV)

Then the eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain where Jesus had told them to go. ¹⁷ When they saw him, they worshiped him; but some doubted. ¹⁸ Then Jesus came to them and said, “All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. ¹⁹ Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, ²⁰ and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age.”

I. Imperfect people have always been used to having “The Talk”!

I Thessalonians 2:8 (NIV)

so we cared for you. Because we loved you so much, we were delighted to share with you not only the gospel of God but our lives as well.

Starting the Engine of Discipleship:

- ◇ Prayer always starts the disciple-making process.
- ◇ Invitations can open the door to disciple-making.
- ◇ Listening well always reveals what’s “missing”!
- ◇ Learning to share your story will fuel the disciple-making process.
- ◇ The Word is the headlight of disciple-making.
- ◇ The growth steps can serve as a road map to discipleship.

2. “The Talk” is a command, not a suggestion!

- Jesus exercised authority over storms, spirits, sickness, sleep, and sin but does He have authority over you?
- Those who “go” know who has the authority in their lives.
- His authority sends us, His authority guides us, and His authority empowers us, but first it must save us!

John 9:4 (NIV)

As long as it is day, we must do the works of him who sent me. Night is coming, when no one can work.

3. We will never have “The Talk” alone! (Matthew 28:20b)

- The best way to see God work in your life is to join Him in His!

Philemon 1:6 (ESV)

and I pray that the sharing of your faith may become effective for the full knowledge of every good thing that is in us for the sake of Christ.