



Thanks for checking out our sermon-based Study Guides! If you've never used our Study Guides before, you'll find some basic instructions beginning at the bottom of page 2.

NEW this year: These study guides will be written by thoughtful and experienced Life Group Leaders. As always, use these guides as a head-start in your own preparation as the needs and culture is different from each group. And of course, please continue to give us feedback.

LIFE GROUP STUDY GUIDE
for the Sermon given on September 11, 2022
by Pastor Rachel Keeler
“More than Enough?” Matthew 28:16-20



Question: Am I qualified to make disciples?

Bottom Line: Yes, not through my own strength, but through Jesus' power and authority and the power of the Holy Spirit at work within me.

Welcome to the new ministry year and if you took a break this summer, welcome back to this Life Group (new year, new name :)

This past Sunday, Campus Pastors preached an important theme of our ministry year Christian discipleship and used the well-known text from Matthew 28 famously referred to as “The Great Commission.” Today we want to discuss, learn and see how we can apply truths from this message into our every day lives.

We are excited to try to something a little new this year, and that is utilize some of the gifting and passion of talented and experienced group leaders and so much of this study has been created by one of our seasoned Life Group Leaders.

Let's begin in prayer before we begin reading and discussing our text.

Main Scripture Reading: Matthew 28:16-20

16 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.”

Group Discussion Questions

1. Describe a time when you were tasked with something that you felt completely underqualified for, yet you went ahead and did it. What was the outcome?
2. What strikes you in the text as something interesting, confusing, encouraging or possibly fascinating?
3. What do you think about how verse 17 describes some of the disciples: “When they saw him, they worshipped but some doubted.”
4. What do you think Jesus means when he says, “All Authority in heaven on earth has been given to me?” And why is that impactful?
5. Identify the three-fold commission Jesus his disciples.
(They are “Go,” “Baptize,” and “Teach”)
What do these mean to you?
Which of these are more natural for you?
Knowing we need the power of the Holy Spirit for all three, which of these might you need extra grace or courage or endurance for?
6. If you have not been baptized, is this something that you have considered? If yes, then what is holding you back?
7. Are there any mentors or examples that modeled disciple-making that you can think of who really had a positive impact on your life?
8. If you currently serve (or have served) at any of the GC campuses, what do you (did you) enjoy the most about it? If you have considered volunteering, which activities might you be interested in?
9. As we go and make disciples, how do you envision that Jesus will be with us now and forever? What might Jesus’ presence look like in your life?
10. What is one truth, encouragement, or application, you feel God giving you today that you can take with you today?

Take Home Message:

Our Ministry theme for 2022 is the “With-God Life and we have tow key strategies this year. First is the Journey of Disciple Making. There are 3 Dimensions to this Journey: With God, With Others, For the World. To help you on your journey, there is a dedicated page on our website with the Discipleship Planning Tool to help you take your first steps. Please visit www.grace.or/thejourney

Our second key strategy is aimed at Equipping and Serving. To experience the fullness of the With-God Life, we must volunteer and serve one another and as well as beyond the walls of our church. You can explore volunteer opportunities through Volunteer Fair (Sep 18th), volunteer coaches, take the GPS Inventory Test (Gifts, Passion, Story) and learn more at www.grace.org/volunteer.

Although we may feel unqualified to make disciples, through the power of the Holy Spirit, Jesus has blessed us with more than enough love, patience, kindness and mercy to find the lost sheep and to bring them back to him.

Let's Pray

Support for the Leader (These points are provided to help the group leader make connections from the message to their group with both insights from the Biblical text and also opportunities in the life of our church).

- Disciple = student or apprentice
- God has entrusted his plan for salvation of the world to Jesus. And Jesus has entrusted it to us.
- When it comes to following Jesus and making disciples it's not our qualifications that matter, it's his.
- Jesus explained how to make disciples (Matthew 28:19-20):

“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.”

1. Go: all the places you already go; finding lost sheep
2. Baptism: public declaration that you have decided to follow Jesus
3. Teach: leading by example

- Through the power of the Holy Spirit Jesus promises to be with us to spread the good news (Matthew 28:20):

“...And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age.”

How to Use These Study Guides:

- Consider sending out the Scripture passage to your group members ahead of time.
- Begin each meeting with a short time of checking in with one another.
- You may want to begin the discussion by reading the Scripture passage together out loud, or by summarizing the passage if everyone has read it ahead of time.
- Don't feel like you need to discuss every question included in the Study Guide. Pick one or two to start with, and see how the conversation flows.
- If your group meets over Zoom:
 - You may need to do more overt facilitating over Zoom than you would in person. Feel free to call on people to invite them to share.
 - Try to be sensitive to attention spans over Zoom—keep the meetings shorter than they would be in person.
- Be sure to set aside time for sharing prayer requests and praying together.

Group Leader Support: Please reach out to your Campus Pastor or your Coach if you have any questions about leading your group or concerns about your group dynamic. If you have questions about or feedback on the Study Guides, please reach out to Pastor Tim or Pastor Rachel from the Group Life team.