



Go Therefore, and Make Disciples.

SMALL GROUP DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

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GETTING STARTED

Matthew 28:18–20, often called the Great Commission, is Jesus’ final command to His disciples before ascending to heaven. These words set the mission of the Church for all time: to go, make disciples, baptise, and teach.

It begins with Jesus’ declaration of authority: “All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me.” Because He is risen and victorious, He sends His followers to continue His mission. The task isn’t about human strength or persuasion but about being faithful witnesses, empowered by His Spirit. This passage challenges the Church to wake up, take responsibility for discipleship, and live with urgency—because the world is still searching for God.

Reflection Questions

- Why do you think Jesus emphasized His authority before giving the command?
- How do you feel when you hear the words “Go and make disciples”?

INTO THE WORD

Jesus gives four key instructions:

1. **Go (As you go)** – The command is not limited to missionaries or pastors. It is for all believers, in everyday life.
2. **Make Disciples** – The focus isn't on converts or church attendance, but on intentional relationships where people grow in Christ.
3. **Baptise** – A public declaration of belonging to the Father, Son, and Spirit. Baptism marks entry into God's family.
4. **Teach to Obey** – Discipleship is more than knowledge—it's about transformation and obedience to Jesus' words.

Importantly, Jesus ends with a promise: "I am with you always, to the very end of the age." We are never alone in this mission.

Reflection Questions

- What is the difference between making converts and making disciples?
- Why is obedience central to true discipleship

GOING DEEPER

The Great Commission reminds us that discipleship is **relational, costly, and lifelong**. It requires time, intention, and love. Not even Jesus had a 100% success rate, reminding us that results belong to God, but faithfulness belongs to us.

In a world offering many competing narratives, the Church that will “win” is the one that loves best. Making disciples means living out the gospel daily, pointing people to Jesus, and taking personal responsibility for our own growth as disciples.

To be faithful is to be fruitful.

Reflection Questions

- How are you personally taking responsibility for your discipleship?
- What does it mean to make disciples in your current relationships and context?
- How can you love people best in a way that points them to Jesus?

PRAY