

Jesus the Disciple Maker

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Open: Over the years, who would you say has been modeling and teaching you what it looks like to follow Christ?

Read: Matthew 28:18-20

Discuss:

1. Why do you think Jesus began this instruction to his disciples by assuring them in verse 18 that all authority had been given to him? How does this assurance encourage you as you take on the responsibility of obeying Jesus' words?
2. At the center of this passage is Jesus directive to his followers to make disciples. How would you describe the characteristics and behaviors of a disciple? How is being a disciple maker an essential part of being a disciple of Christ? How might Neighborhood Church improve in our obedience to this command?
3. An important component of disciple making is teaching others what Jesus required of his followers (v20). Which instructions of Jesus would you begin with in teaching a new follower of Jesus? What are some different ways you could do this?
4. Jesus command is to make disciples of all the nations. Why is missions a critical focus of the church? What different ways we can participate in discipling the nations?
5. Jesus included both baptism and teaching as aspects of the disciple making process. Do you see any significance in baptism being mentioned first? If so, what? What role does baptism play in the development of a disciple? How would you respond to a Christian who felt their baptism was unnecessary for them?
6. Why might Jesus have given his disciples assurance of his continued presence with them (v20)? How are these words even more meaningful when combined with the first statement Jesus made in this passage?

Apply: What practical steps could you take to increase your efforts at disciple making? Who might you invite into discipleship this week?

Pray: Pray that God will deepen our commitment to follow these instructions of Jesus and open our eyes to identify the people we could disciple.

Matthew 28:18-20

^[18] And Jesus came and said to them, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me.

^[19] 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,

^[20] teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age."

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