

WORD

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."

Matthew 28:18-20

After His resurrection, Jesus gave His disciples one last order that had to do with discipleship. Jesus commands us to help others in following Him as His disciples. The best thing we have to offer people is the gospel—the wonderful news of what Jesus has done for us. Not only would keeping it to ourselves be selfish, but it would also be disobedient. He assures us that He will be with us constantly, which is wonderful. We shall examine what Jesus told His disciples (and us) to do in greater detail in this lesson.

1. GO

"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 . . ."

Matthew 28:19

The gospel is not simply for people who revere God already. Also, it is for individuals who are helpless, harassed, and lost, much like sheep without a shepherd (Matthew 9:36). To spread the gospel, one must venture outside of their comfort zones and settings. Remember a moment when you attempted to spread the gospel but were hesitant or uncertain about it. What transpired?

2. MAKE DISCIPLES

"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 . . ."

Matthew 28:19

Discipleship is simply encouraging people to follow Jesus. We share with them the finished work of Jesus on the cross and assist them in their walk with God. Christianity encompasses fundamental aspects like submission to the Lord, repentance, baptism, and inclusion in a church community. Who aided your journey to Jesus? What did he or she teach you about following Jesus?

3. TEACH

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

Matthew 28:20

Helping others follow Jesus teaches them to submit to Him. Being a Christian involves reacting to the gospel and living for Him as well as simply accepting what He has done for us. As we were taught about God, so too must we instruct others (2 Timothy 2:2). Whom are you instructing to follow all of Jesus' instructions?

APPLICATION

- Do you subscribe to Jesus' teachings? What can you do this week to follow Him more closely?
- Whom are you encouraging to follow Jesus? How do you start carrying out Jesus' instruction to go and create disciples?
- To whom can you this week proclaim the gospel? Are you ready to follow orders and go?

PRAYER

- Praise God for saving you and for being present in your life. Make a request in prayer not to ever take your salvation for granted.
- Pray that God would use you to lead people to know and obey Him. Pray God to give you the courage to frequently share the gospel and your testimonies. Pray that many others will be affected by your testimony.
- Say a prayer for your loved ones and acquaintances who have not yet accepted Jesus. This week, pray for opportunities to show them God's love, and have faith that they will be saved.



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