

Text: Matthew 28:16-20

Meaning: Jesus told the disciples to go and make disciples

Big Idea: Jesus tells us to go and make disciples

Objective: I want the hearers to go and make disciples

Theme:

Galilee – Where it all began. Christ was raised here. Began His ministry here. Called the first disciples from the very shores of the Sea of Galilee. He takes them back to the place where it all began.

Mountain – Scripture doesn't tell us what mountain they went to, but it was also on a mountain in the region of Galilee where Christ began his teaching ministry with the Sermon on the Mount. Now, He book ends His ministry to the disciples in Galilee on a mountain with a call to live on mission.

Sermon on the Mount – Kingdom Living
Great Commission on the Mount – Kingdom mission

***The Christian life is incomplete without the MISSION!
It starts with Values but expands through Mission!***

Doubt – speak of duplicity, double-mindedness. Saying one thing outwardly but thinking something else inwardly. Jesus DISPELS THEIR DOUBT BY REMINDING THEM OF HIS SOVEREIGN AUTHORITY.

Today, your life may be a mess. You may be defined more by struggle than success. But the grand news of the gospel is you are EXACTLY THE PERSON GOD WANTS TO USE.

PERFECT PEOPLE DON'T REACH PEOPLE. REDEEMED PEOPLE REACH PEOPLE.

YOUR MESS IS EXACTLY THE MESSAGE THAT SOMEONE ELSE NEEDS TO HEAR! Don't let doubt or fear keep you from the Great Commission. Step out and trust that God will use your testimony of faith in Christ.

Jesus tells us in the Great Commission – GO AND MAKE DISCIPLES

The Mission of the Church

WHAT – Make Disciples

WHO – all nations

WHEN AND WHERE – “Going”

HOW – Baptism and teaching

WHY – Jesus is our King (authority)

What is a disciple? – A LEARNER, someone learning from a noted rabbi or teacher of the law

What do disciples do?

FOLLOW and FISH

Matthew 4:19 (Call of Peter and Andrew)

Follow me, and I will make you fishers of men.

FOLLOW – doesn't mean they simply like someone's posts online. Doesn't mean you simply attend religious gatherings occasionally and appreciate sermons. Follow means you are listening to, learning from, and following the example of Jesus.

1 Corinthians 11:1

Be imitators of me, as I am of Christ.

FISH – Fishing is an obvious call to reach others with the gospel and bring them into the faith. Peter and Andrew fished for a living. They were not recreational fishermen, they were professional fishermen.

When Jesus calls us to fish for men, He's not talking about a hobby. He's talking about fishing as a habit. It becomes our livelihood.

Charles Spurgeon

"If sinners be damned, at least let them leap to Hell over our dead bodies. And if they perish, let them perish with our arms wrapped about their knees, imploring them to stay. If Hell must be filled, let it be filled in the teeth of our exertions, and let not one go unwarned and unprayed for."

WHAT DOES IT TAKE TO MAKE DISCIPLES?

1. WALK IN CHRIST'S AUTHORITY

Jesus says here that all authority is His on Heaven and on earth

Colossians 1:16

For by him all things were created, in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or authorities—all things were created through him and for him.

Lebron James – the King – no Jesus is the King
Dwayne Johnson – the Rock – no Jesus is the Rock
Joe Biden – President – to God He's just a resident

There is only ONE KING, ROCK, AND RULER OF ALL THINGS – AND THAT'S JESUS CHRIST THE LORD!

Hebrews 1:3-4

³ He is the radiance of the glory of God and the exact imprint of his nature, and he upholds the universe by the word of his power. After making purification for sins, he sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high, ⁴ having become as much superior to angels as the name he has inherited is more excellent than theirs.

We have not been given a spirit of timidity but of love, power, and a sound mind. The weapons of our warfare are not physical they are spiritual for the destruction of strongholds. We have been raised up with Christ and seated with Him in heavenly places. The same God who said, "let their be light" and the darkness fled away is the same God who dwells in us and is able to do more than we can ask or even imagine through us.

STEP INTO YOUR GOD-GIVEN AUTHORITY! GOD WANTS TO USE YOU, BUT IT TAKES COURAGE AND BOLDNESS TO MAKE DISCIPLES.

Joshua 1:9

Be strong and courageous. Do not be frightened, and do not be dismayed, for the LORD your God is with you wherever you go.

2. LIVE WITH GOSPEL URGENCY

Every time salvation is spoken of in the Bible it is communicated with urgency. Mankind is IN PERIL APART FROM JESUS! Every time the mission of God is referred to in the Bible it is referred to as imperative. WE MUST WIN THE LOST AND DISCIPLE THOSE WHO COME TO FAITH!

Romans 10:13-15

13 For "everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved." 14 How then will they call on him in whom they have not believed? And how are they to believe in him of whom they have never heard?[c] And how are they to hear without someone preaching? 15 And how are they to preach unless they are sent?

Jesus Himself said – "Go out to the highways and the hedges and compel them to come in that my house may be filled!"

Make – speaks of the profit of the church. The profit of the church is not money or property – it is people! That is the bottom line of the church – how many disciples are being made?

IDITAROD HISTORY

The children of Nome were dying in January 1925. Infected with diphtheria, they wheezed and gasped for air, and every day brought a new case of the lethal respiratory disease. Nome's lone physician, Dr. Curtis Welch, feared an epidemic that could put the entire village of 1,400 at risk. He ordered a quarantine but knew that only an antitoxin serum could ward off the fast-spreading disease.

The nearest batch of the life-saving medicine, however, rested more than 1,000 miles away in Anchorage. Nome's ice-choked harbor made sea transport impossible, and open-cockpit airplanes could not fly in Alaska's subzero temperatures. With the nearest train station nearly 700 miles away in Nenana, canine power offered Nome its best hope for a speedy delivery.

Sled dogs regularly beat Alaska's snowy trails to deliver mail, and the territory's governor, Scott C. Bone, recruited the best drivers and dog teams to stage a round-the-clock relay to transport the serum from Nenana to Nome. On the night of January 27, 1925, a train whistle pierced Nenana's stillness as it arrived with the precious cargo—a 20-pound package of serum wrapped in protective fur. Musher "Wild Bill" Shannon tied the parcel to his sled. As he gave the signal, the paws of Shannon's nine malamutes pounded the snow-packed trail on the first steps of a 674-mile life saving trek.

Over the next 5 and ½ days more than 150 dogs and 20 drivers fought frostbite, 80 mile an hour winds, complete whiteout conditions, hunger, dehydration, and temperatures as low as 60 degrees below zero to get the serum to Nome to save the children. This "Great Race of Mercy" as it is called is the backdrop for the famous Iditarod Trail Sled Dog Race which still happens annually running out of Anchorage.

Beloved, this very moment it is estimated that there are over 5 Billion people in our world who do not know Christ. If you were to place all

the lost people of the earth in a line with each person's hands on the shoulders of the person in front of them – the line of lost people would completely encircle the earth 25 TIMES!

Church – today there are Billions of people who are dying and on their way to hell. Over 5 Billion who are dying of the sickness of sin and we have the Saving Serum! The gospel message of the precious blood of Christ!

Am I willing to do whatever it takes to reach others? Am I willing to PRAY? Am I willing to GIVE? Am I willing to GO?

3. MINISTER WITH INTENTIONALITY

Jesus says here that we are to BAPTIZE and to TEACH.

BAPTISM – Public profession of faith. First step of a new life. Bold declaration of allegiance to Christ, the one who died for your sin, rose from the dead, and has set you free.

NEW IDENTITY – Child of God

NEW AUTHORITY – Jesus is the authority of my life now

We started Matthew with the angel telling Joseph that Jesus's name shall be called IMMANUEL which means GOD WITH US. We finish the book of Matthew with Jesus Himself declaring BEHOLD I AM WITH YOU ALWAYS. From beginning to end GOD IS WITH US.

How do you make disciples? (each point with the adjoining verse together on a slide)

Relationship

A disciple is a learner and a learner has a leader. Who is leading you and who are you leading?

James 5:16

Therefore, confess your sins to one another and pray for one another, that you may be healed. The prayer of a righteous person has great power as it is working.

Resource

The Bible is the foundation of all discipleship. Grab a bible reading plan and some accountability questions and now you have direction.

Colossians 3:16

Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly, teaching and admonishing one another in all wisdom, singing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, with thankfulness in your hearts to God.

Regular Meeting

Schedule a weekly meeting to pray, share your struggles, and dig into the Word together with some other guys. No more than 5 works best for the sake of time and transparency.

Hebrews 10:24-25

And let us consider how to stir up one another to love and good works, not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day drawing near.