



PERSONAL STUDY GUIDE

JANUARY 27, 2019

TAKEAWAY:

God's plan for the spread of the gospel and expansion of the Kingdom is through disciples making disciples.

WHY IT'S IMPORTANT:

Disciple-making is the church's highest priority, and we need to discover the keys to disciple-making found in Matthew 28:18-20.

GOSPEL CONNECTION:

As an example of disciples who make disciples, Jesus first told his disciples to "come and see" then his disciples told their friends to "come and see" (John 1:39, 46).

INTRODUCTION

- 1 What comes to mind when you hear the phrase "making disciples?"
- 2 Who in the Bible was a disciple maker? What did he do to make disciples?
- 3 Are you the disciple of anyone? Do you disciple anyone? Tell a bit about that.

ESSENTIAL QUESTIONS

> Read Matthew 28:18-19a.

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

19a Therefore go and make disciples of all nations

- What does it mean for us that Jesus has all authority in heaven and on earth?
- How does this relate to the mission we have been given?

> Read Matthew 28:19b-20a.

19b ... 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.

- How should we understand "baptizing?" What does that mean for us?
- How should we understand "teaching?" What does this mean for us?

> Read Matthew 28:20b

20b And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age..

- How might the promise of Jesus' presence shape our posture toward daily life in a fallen and broken world?
- What sort of effect should the presence of Jesus have on how we work to obey the Great Commission?

APPLICATION

- 1 Do you see yourself under the authority of Jesus? How does that affect your life and ministry?
- 2 In what ways are you participating in the Great Commission? Who have you shared the gospel with in the past month? Who are you teaching/discipling?
- 3 How does the promise of Jesus' presence in your life compel you to participate in evangelism and discipleship? If it doesn't, why not?

THIS WEEK

- Memorize Matthew 28:18-20
- Read Matthew 26:1-35 on Monday
- Read Matthew 26:36-75 on Tuesday
- Read Matthew 27:1-26 on Wednesday
- Read Matthew 27:27-56 on Thursday
- Read Matthew 27:57-66 on Friday
- Read Matthew 28:1-17 on Saturday