



Where we've been...Where we're going

PASSAGES

Matthew 28:18-20; John 15:1, 4-5; Matthew 4:1; Acts 1:1-2; Matthew 12:28; Matthew 26:36-46;
1 Peter 2:21-23; John 1:16-17; Romans 12:1-2

PREPARE (MC LEADER)

1. Before leading your group into studying the passages, take some time to study and pray through the passages yourself.
2. Consider these questions as you engage with the passages that you will discuss with your MC.
 - What do these passages tell me about God's plan for His people?
 - What do these passages tell me about how Jesus interacted with the Father?
 - What do these passage tell me about how Jesus lived in the Holy Spirit?
 - What do these passages tell me about what Jesus is offering to people?
 - What do these passages tell me about how I am to live as a child of God?
 - What do these passages confront in my thinking and the ideology of the world system?
 - Consider how this paradigm for making disciples ("Making disciples involves me helping others accept more and more the Grace and Truth that Jesus offers and live more effectively in the place where Jesus lived") compares with your current understanding of making disciples. What are some of the similarities and differences?

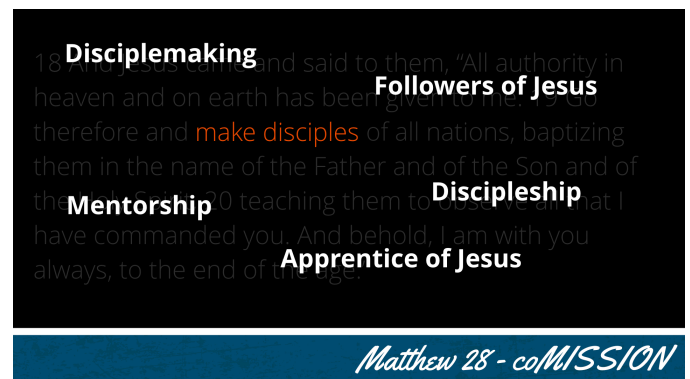
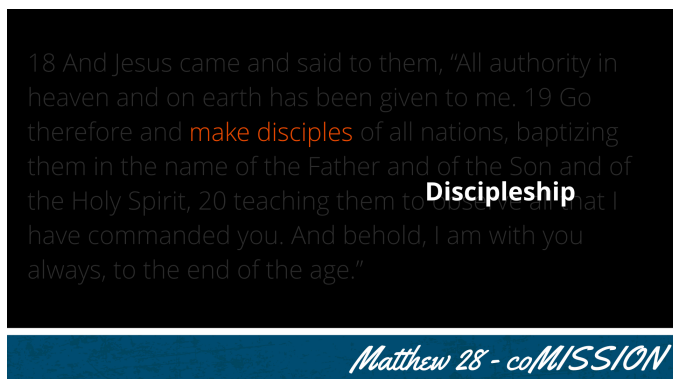
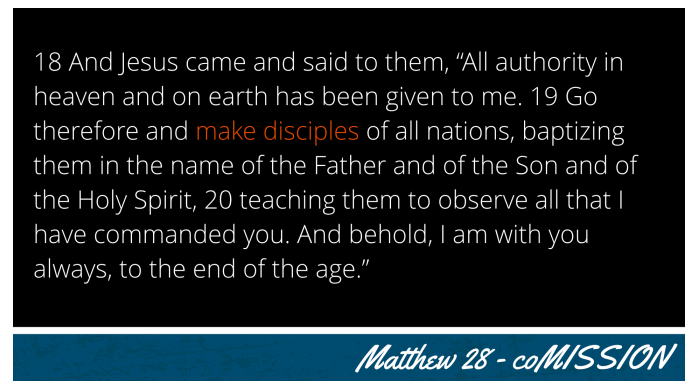
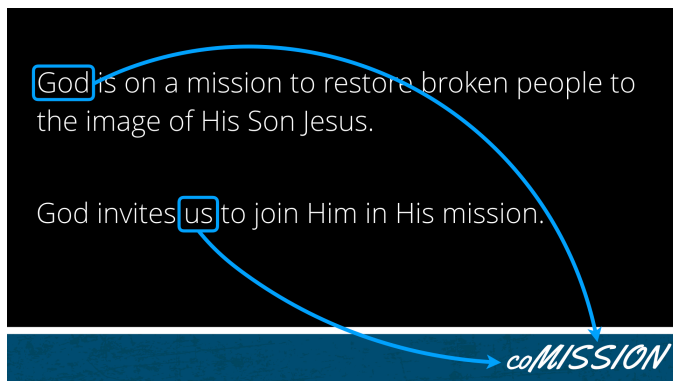
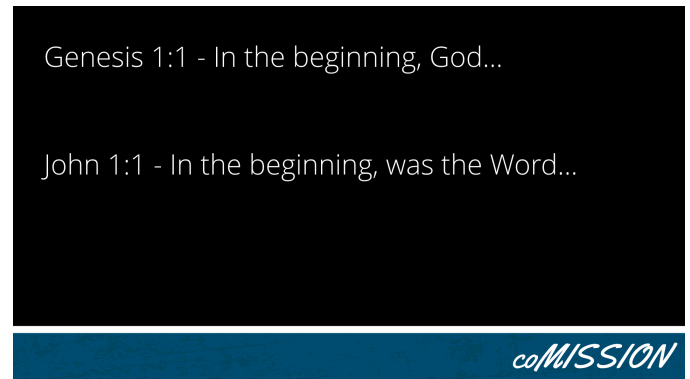
DISCUSS (GROUP)

1. Review the core principle(s) from the study.
2. Elicit initial questions or comments about the central teaching.
3. Consider these discussion questions to help your MC engage with the main principle(s):
 - How are the Grace and Truth that Jesus offers different than what the world offers?
 - What challenges make it difficult to accept the Grace and Truth that Jesus offers?
 - What are some challenges that make it difficult to see yourself as part of the Trinity?
 - How is submitting to the Father's will and moving forward in the power of the Holy Spirit different than "obeying the rules?"

APPLY (GROUP)

1. Share your own personal reflections/convictions/struggles related to accepting the Grace and Truth that Jesus offers and choosing to live where Jesus lived (submitting to the Father's will and moving forward in the guidance and power of His Spirit).
2. Lead others into recognizing their personal struggles with accepting the Grace and Truth that Jesus offers and choosing to live where Jesus lived.
3. Discuss action steps as individuals or as an MC that might aid in accepting more and more the Grace and Truth that Jesus offers and choosing to live where Jesus lived.

PRESENTATION SLIDES



Discipleship

- ▶ To love like Jesus? → PROVIDE NEEDS
- ▶ To act like Jesus? → GOOD MORAL CHOICES
- ▶ To minister like Jesus? → TOGA, SANDALS, STREET
- ▶ To pray like Jesus? → "OUR FATHER...", MT TOP

Matthew 28 - coMISSION

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Discipleship

- ▶ Go to the nations
- ▶ Baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit
- ▶ Teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you

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Baptizing

- ▶ *Baptizing in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit*
- ▶ Immersing people in the nature and love of God in His community as a means of them experiencing something of Him

Matthew 28 - coMISSION

Teaching

- ▶ *Teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you*
- ▶ Teaching Truth is necessary because our minds need transformed in the way they think

Matthew 28 - coMISSION

1 "I am the true vine, and my Father is the vinedresser... 4 Abide in me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit by itself, unless it abides in the vine, neither can you, unless you abide in me. 5 I am the vine; you are the branches. Whoever abides in me and I in him, he it is that bears much fruit, for apart from me you can do nothing.

John 15 - ABIDE

Abiding is accepting what Jesus offers as *Creator, Savior, Sustainer, and King*, to the point of entrusting my mind, will, and emotions to Him

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Matthew 28 - Discipleship

- ▶ God's Mission → RESTORE PEOPLE TO HIS IMAGE
- ▶ God's Context → COMMUNITY OF BELIEVERS
- ▶ God's Process → MAKING DISCIPLES

Discipleship

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SPIRITUAL POSITION

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▶ Why don't I _____ like Jesus?

Discipleship

PRACTICAL LIVING

Discipleship

LIVING & POSITION OF JESUS

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Jesus living out of being immersed in the Trinity resulted in His right living!

Discipleship

1 Then Jesus was led up by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil.

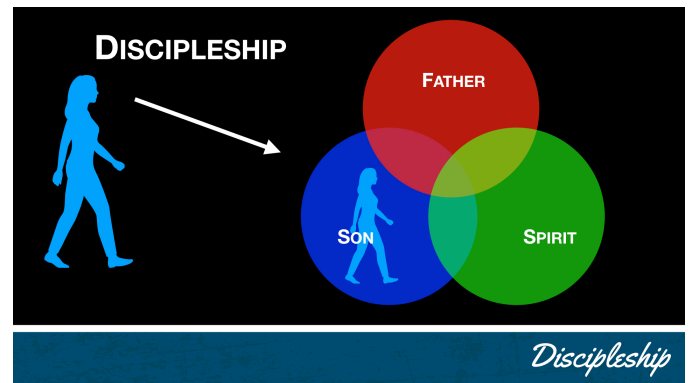
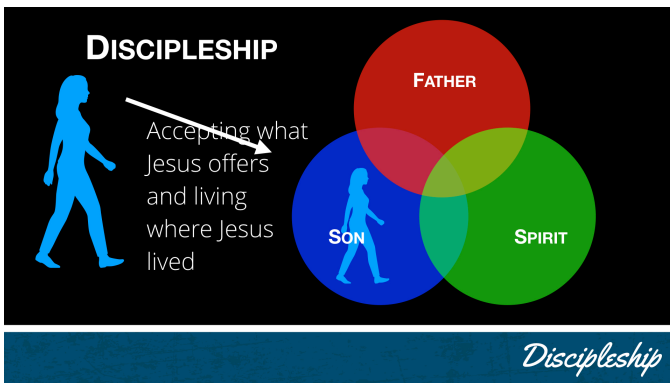
Matthew 4 - Jesus Example

36 Then Jesus went with them to a place called Gethsemane, and he said to his disciples, "Sit here, while I go over there and pray." 37 And taking with him Peter and the two sons of Zebedee, he began to be sorrowful and troubled. 38 Then he said to them, "My soul is very sorrowful, even to death; remain here, and watch with me." 39 And going a little farther he fell on his face and prayed, saying, "My Father, if it be possible, let this cup pass from me; nevertheless, **not as I will, but as you will.**"

Matthew 26 - Jesus Example

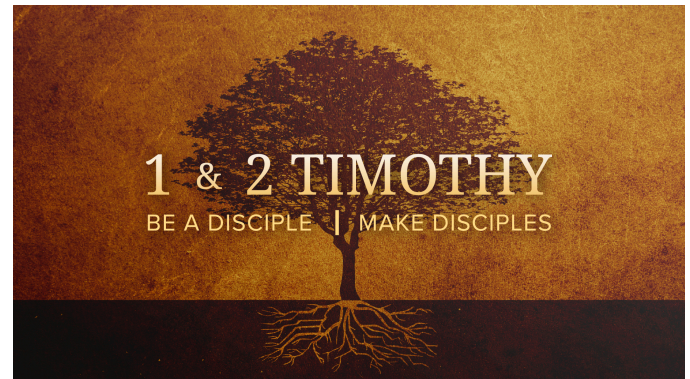
21 For to this you have been called, because Christ also suffered for you, leaving you an example, so that you might follow in his steps. 22 He committed no sin, neither was deceit found in his mouth. 23 When he was reviled, he did not revile in return; when he suffered, he did not threaten, **but continued entrusting himself to him** who judges justly.

1 Peter 2 - Jesus Example



1 I appeal to you therefore, brothers, **by the mercies of God**, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship. 2 Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that by testing you may discern what is the will of God, what is good and acceptable and perfect.

Romans 12 - Discipleship

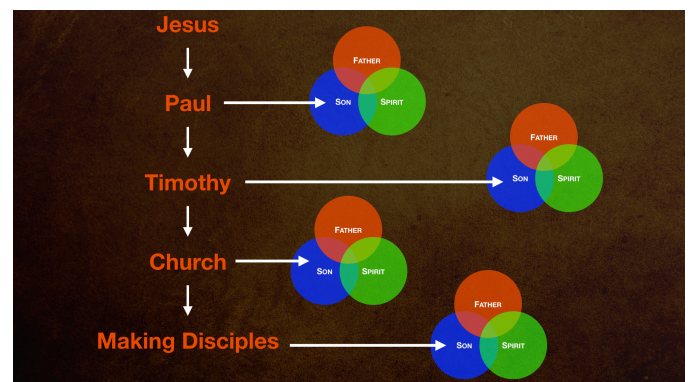


1 TIMOTHY 1:1-3a

¹Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by command of God our Savior and of Christ Jesus our hope, ²To Timothy, my true child in the faith: Grace, mercy, and peace from God the Father and Christ Jesus our Lord.

3 As I urged you when I was going to Macedonia, remain at Ephesus...

Paul → Timothy → Church → Make Disciples



PRINCIPLE

Effective discipleship occurs in a community that accepts what Jesus offers and lives where Jesus lived

WRAP UP

▶ coMISSION

Our partnership with God to restore all people to His image through discipleship in the context of a loving community.

WRAP UP

▶ DISCIPLESHIP

Accepting the Grace and Truth that Jesus offers and choosing to live where Jesus lived.

WRAP UP

▶ MAKING DISCIPLES

Leading others in accepting the Grace and Truth that Jesus offers and choosing to live where Jesus lived.

APPLICATION

- ▶ How are the Grace and Truth that Jesus offers different than what the world offers?
- ▶ What challenges make it difficult to accept the Grace and Truth that Jesus offers?

APPLICATION

- ▶ What are some ways to more deeply embrace the Grace and Truth that Jesus offers?
- ▶ What are some ways to lead others to more deeply embrace the Grace and Truth that Jesus offers?

APPLICATION

- ▶ What are some challenges that make it difficult to see yourself in the Trinity?
- ▶ How is submitting to the Father's will and moving forward in the power of the Holy Spirit different than "obeying the rules?"

APPLICATION

- ▶ What are some ways you can move closer to the point of living where Jesus lived in relationship to the Father and the Spirit?
- ▶ What are some ways you can lead others to move closer to the point of living where Jesus lived?