



Pastor Kirk Mackie
Matthew 28:18-20

MESSAGE NOTES

Thursday, Oct 22
Sunday, Oct 25

Introduction

Discipleship.

notes

Jesus went up the mountain and summoned those he wanted, and they came to him. He appointed twelve, whom he also named apostles, to be with him, to send them out to preach, and to have authority to drive out demons. Mark 3:13-15 CSB

During the first year, Jesus concentrated on Time.

The second year Jesus emphasized Teaching.

The third year focused on Tactics, or practical mission.

God authorized and commanded me to commission you: Go out and train everyone you meet, far and near, in this way of life, marking them by baptism in the threefold name: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Then instruct them in the practice of all I have commanded you. I'll be with you as you do this, day after day after day, right up to the end of the age. Matthew 28:18-20 MSG

"The greatest issue facing the world today, with all its heartbreaking needs, is whether those who, by profession or culture, are identified as 'Christians' will become disciples - students, apprentices, practitioners - of Jesus Christ, steadily learning from him how to live the life of the Kingdom of the Heavens into every corner of human existence." Dallas Willard

- What is your plan for making disciples?
- Does your plan work?

We are in the people-development business. We help people live into the fullness of being the image of God in the world!

"For just as the new heavens and the new earth I am about to make will remain standing before me," says the Lord, "so your descendants and your name will remain." Isaiah 66:22

Do you not know that the Lord's people will judge the world? ... Do you not know that we will judge angels? I Corinthians 6:2-3

notes

Jesus and Paul had a plan! What's yours?

Leader Development

Spiritual Leadership is advanced followership of Jesus.

God changes the world through surrendered, characterized, skilled, Spirit-filled people.

Romans 16 is a living snapshot of Paul's leadership pipeline and ecosystem.

Jesus "particularized" people!

Here at Aspire, we want to pay attention to four key topics relating to the material and immaterial world:

Leadership skills

Soul Awareness and Care

Intimacy with the Trinity

Spiritual Power and Authority

Leader Development Opportunities

Every leader in your church needs an apprentice!

We need to create a training culture in our churches and not just a program culture!

Establishing New Churches.

Paul's example:

Paul was clear in his identity and calling.

Paul had a pioneering, Spirit-dependent planting process.

Paul founded reproducible structures and team-based ministry.

Paul started churches that could multiply without him.

GROUP DISCUSSION

Missions Sunday 2026

GateWay Church of Visalia, Pastor Kirk Mackie

Matthew 28:18-20, October 22nd & 25th, 2026

The Kingdom's Next Wave

Prayer Requests:

Group Discussion: If you could relate to one Bible character who would it be?

Read Aloud: Matthew 28:18-20

1. The sermon describes discipleship as helping people live out their faith wherever they live, work, and play. What might this look like in your everyday life? The disciples had very different personalities, backgrounds, and weaknesses, yet God used them together. What does this teach us about the kinds of people God can use?
2. Why is it important for Christian leaders to invest in others rather than trying to do all the ministry themselves? The speaker challenges older leaders to shift from success to significance by investing in younger leaders. What might this principle look like at different stages of life?
3. What is one practical step you could take this week to help someone move closer to Jesus? Who is one person God may be prompting you to invest in spiritually? What would it look like to take an intentional next step with them?