

## THE KING'S ROYAL SUBJECTS

*"Upsetting the World"*

**Matthew 28:19-20**

### INTRODUCTION:

1. The theme of the Bible is: The King and the Kingdom!!
  - a) And we (Believers) are His Royal Subjects.
2. A **"Royal Subject"** is someone who owes Loyalty and Obedience to the Crown.
  - a) And "What's Missing?" is that Royal Subjects are in **SHORT SUPPLY**.
3. After Jesus rose from the dead, He took steps to ensure that there would be **"Faithful Followers."**
  - a) So He called a **meeting** -
    - 1) **Matthew 28:16-20**
  - b) **Who was called** to the meeting?
    - 1) The disciples
    - 2) No doubt the 500 who witnessed His Resurrection in 1 Cor. 15
    - 3) **Vs 20** all believers until He returns.
  - c) **The Minutes** of the meeting read -
    - 1) **Vs 18-20**
    - 2) **Luke 19:11-13** KJV Parable - Is about our eternal rewards!! Not Salvation
      - a) **"Occupy till I come"**
      - b) Means to do business till He comes
      - c) That means to invest and make a profit.
4. **VERY IMPORTANT:** A disciple (Royal Subject) is a person who has decided that following Jesus takes **PRECEDENCE OVER EVERYTHING ELSE**.
5. **THAT'S WHY OUR FOCUS HAS TO BE ON DISCIPLESHIP**
6. **Matthew 28:16-18, 19**
  - a) **"making disciples of all nations"**

### I. EXERCISING DOMINION

1. The Disciples were not just sent out to **PLANT CHURCHES**.
  - a) But to **EXERCISE DOMINION**.

2. **Acts 4:1-13**

3. **Acts 17:6**

4. What happened to change their lives so radically?

a) **Acts 1:6-11, 12-15**

5. **HERE'S A BIG QUESTION:** - Do you realize that Christ has commanded us to impact our communities?

a) Jesus doesn't want **CROSSROADS** just to be another church!!!!

1) Jesus wants this church to make an impact.

6. **TODAY** - The world is ignoring Christians and the Church in countless ways, because the lost world is not witnessing the **POWER** and **Authority** we speak about. Sing about. And preach about.

7. **WHAT WE NEED ARE PEOPLE WHO ARE ON FIRE FOR JESUS**

a) People who have a burning desire to serve Him.

1) **2 Timothy 1:6 NLT**

b) People who are so excited about Him that they shake up the church and the community.

8. **1 Peter 4:12**

a) Tribulation is a part of the Christian experience, or it isn't the Christian experience.

9. **VERY IMPORTANT:**

a) If Satan never bothers you....you better check the direction you are going.

## **II. WE ARE SLAVES TO CHRIST**

1. **Ephesians 6:5-6 NLT**

a) **"slaves"** -

2. The task of the Slave Duplicator Unit is not to create it's own message, or to distort the message it is receiving, but to duplicate what is on the Master.

3. **THAT'S EXACTLY WHAT A DISCIPLE IS TO DO!!**

a) Jesus is the Master, and we are His Slaves, with the task of duplicating His Character and Conduct and Authority in history.

4. **WOW!!!** It is through the mass producing of disciples that will fulfill God's original intent to reach mankind.

5. The word "**Disciple**" means learner, student.

6. **Matthew 10:24-25** NLT

a) Describes what a disciple should look like.

### III. THE INTENTION OF DISCIPLESHIP

1. The intention of discipleship is conformity to the Savior, being transformed into the image and likeness of Christ.

a) **Romans 8:29**

b) **2 Corinthians 3:17-18**

2. Transformed in character, conduct, attitudes and actions.

3. Discipleship also results in the exercise of authority through us in the world.

4. In the same way, people ought to be able to tell by the way you walk; and by the way you talk, by the total orientation of your life, that you belong to Jesus.

a) And the conclusion is that the believer belongs to Christ.

b) There is a family resemblance.

### IV. THE JESUS PLAN

- A Disciple is a person who has decided that following Jesus takes PRECEDENCE over everything else.

- LET'S LOOK AT THE THREE STEP JESUS PLAN -

- **Matthew 28:19-20**

#### A. STEP ONE - "GO"

1. Vs 19

a) "**Go therefore**"

1) Literally means - "**Go, and as you go make disciples**"

2. **VERY IMPORTANT:** The nations are not told to come Christians for the Gospel.

3. Please Listen Up: Christians are not doing the work of the Church if we are not winning souls to Christ and bearing public witness to the message of the Gospel.

4. **Acts 1:8**

a) The absence of evangelism is proof positive that the work of the Spirit is NOT OCCURRING in the life of a believer or church.

5. **1 Corinthians 15:1-6**

6. Evangelism is done with the clear intent of bringing the hearer to faith in Jesus Christ for Salvation.

7. The church then is to challenge, encourage, and equip members to effectively share their faith with unbelievers.

**B. STEP TWO - "BAPTIZING THEM"**

1. **Vs 19**

a) *"baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit."*

2. The primary meaning is *"identification"*

3. It means to be placed into.

a) *"baptizo"* -

4. **Romans 6:3-4**

5. When we put our trust in Christ, we become so completely identified with Him, that His death and resurrection become our death and resurrection.

a) Water baptism pictures a believer - dying to the old life and resurrecting to a new way of life.

**C. STEP THREE - TEACHING BIBLICAL TRUTH**

1. **Vs 20**

a) *"Teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you"*

2. What does that mean?

a) Way too many Christians want to AUDIT the Christian life,

- 1) They want the information without the testing and responsibility.
3. Information must be combined with obedience.
  - a) Accountability must be a key component, since obedience is the goal.
4. The goal of Biblical teaching is to combine information and knowledge with skill in applying the truth to daily life.

## **CONCLUSION: MAKING A DECISION**

1. Notice Vs 20
  - a) *"and behold I am with you always to the end of the age"*
2. That my friends is not a promise to all believers, but to those who are disciple makers.
3. The greater and deeper the discipleship, the greater the access to kingdom authority.