

Sermon Discussion Questions
July 13, 2014

Overview of the Sermon

Key Verses: Matthew 28:18-20

Key points:

- 1) Jesus has the authority to tell us what to do (Matt. 28:18)
- 2) Jesus has given us the mission to make disciples of all nations, baptizing them, and teaching them to obey Him (Matt. 28:19-20)
- 3) Jesus will be with us on this mission (Matt. 28:20)

There are at least 5 ways we could answer the question, “What are you doing (what should you be doing) to make disciples of all nations?”

- 1) Love God and love others
- 2) Pray for people, nations, and opportunities to influence people toward Jesus
- 3) Give money to God
- 4) Volunteer (serve)
- 5) Talk out loud about Jesus

Three ways to talk out loud about Jesus are:

- 1) Invite them to church
- 2) Bend conversations toward spiritual things
- 3) Lead them to faith in Christ

Three “napkin” illustrations for how to lead someone to Christ:

- 1) Do vs. Done
- 2) The scale (Good vs. Bad)
- 3) The Bridge

Discussion Questions

- 1) Which of the following best describes your response to your participation in the Great Commission (Matthew 28:18-20)?
 - a. guilt (you’re not doing enough),
 - b. apathy (you are unconcerned), or
 - c. privileged participation (you feel good about how you are making disciples of all nations)?
- 2) If you’re not one to consistently talk out loud about Jesus with others, do you feel that you can come to a point of doing that? What scares you or keeps you from wanting to take risks to talk out loud about Jesus?
- 3) Do you invite friends to church? What are some of the reasons you hesitate to invite them? What could the church do differently to make it easier for you to invite friends to church?
- 4) Of the 5 ways we can participate in the Great Commission (love, pray, give, volunteer, talk), which one (or ones) can you make a specific commitment to work on?