



Title: Heart Check: Have a heart to invest into others.

Scripture: Matthew 28:18-20

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Bible Version: NKJV

BOTTOM LINE: You can't invest into others what you don't possess for yourself.

Vs. 18

Jesus - At this point in the scripture, Jesus has been resurrected. Jesus, 100% God, 100% man, comes to the disciples. This Gospel's author (Matthew) made sure the audience knew that this was Jesus.

came and spoke - Jesus came and spoke to the disciples. The idea we get here is that Jesus moves closer to them as He begins to commission them to the work of the ministry.

These words seem to imply that he came nearer to them than he was at first; unveiling himself still more, and revealing himself more clearly. - Spurgeon

All authority - As it relates to discipleship/teaching.

This indicates that this is an authoritative command, not a suggestion... He can send whomever He wills to do whatever He pleases. - Guzik

All authority has been given to Me - Jesus shares that all authority in heaven and upon earth was given to Him.

When It Comes To Making Disciples Remember:

1. Jesus has the authority.

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Jesus communicates what the disciples are to do.

Go therefore - Jesus commands the Disciples to GO.

Because Jesus has this authority, we are therefore command to go. - Guzik

No matter where we may be in our walk, we are all under this command.

The idea is as you are going. We are to be sharing and teaching wherever we are going, whatever we are doing.- Courson

Make disciples - The original language says teach. Jesus instructs the disciples to teach other future disciples.

Disciples are not spontaneously created at conversion; they are the product of a process involving other believers. - Guzik

If we are to become disciples of Christ, we must first be teachable.

Of all the nations - Because of the gift of Jesus, the Gospel is available to all nations and all people.

There is no place on earth where the gospel of Jesus should not be preached and where disciples should not be made. - Guzik

Baptizing them - If someone is able to observe all things Jesus commanded and can be taught, they can be baptized. Baptism is an opportunity for believers to share with the world that they are a Christ follower.

Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit - Jesus instructs the disciples to baptize in the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

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Teaching them to observe all things that I have commanded you -
Jesus commands His disciples to observe all things that Jesus has commanded them.

Believers are always to be learners, since Christ would have his servants always to be teachers; "Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you." We are not to invent a gospel; we are not to change, and shift, and cut, and shape it to meet the advancement of the age; Christ's command is plain: "Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you."- Spurgeon

I am with you always - The commission is to go and make disciples. Here is the source of the power to do that. Jesus is with us.

The biggest issue that most believers have in getting involved and becoming disciples that they can disciple others, is fear.

Jesus sent His disciples with a mission to fulfill, but He did not send them alone.- Guzik

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Three ways you can start your journey as a disciple of Jesus:

- 1. Consistently get into the Word of God.**
- 2. Live your life with a sense of urgency.**
- 3. Be obedient to God's call on your life (repeat).**

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3D Guide

DO.

BOTTOM LINE: You can't invest into others what you don't possess for yourself.



1. What does this study reveal to you about God?
2. What does this study reveal to you about yourself?
3. Based on this, what changes do you need to make?
4. What is your prayer for today?



DISCUSS.

1. Do you consider this block of scripture to be a suggestion or a command? Why?
2. What are the benefits of growing as a disciple of Christ?
3. What are things that prevent us from actively pursuing discipleship?
4. What are some things we can do to grow deeper as a disciple to begin the journey?

DO.



Anytime you read God's word you have to put things into perspective. You also have to realize that the terms, not words, have meanings. As a group re-read the scriptures that was studied. Try a the Amplified Version and compare that to the NJKV, NIV, ESV, or NASB. Pick a few words and have a group member look that word up on blueletterbible.com or with their app.

Parents & Kids

TAKE **HOME**

DATE: September 9th, 2018

Need To Know: My Words Should Always Be True!

Bible Story: God speaks to Samuel (1 Samuel 3:1-21)

1. God's word tells us that the words we speak should always be true. Sometimes it's easy to tell the truth, but sometimes it can be very hard. We might be afraid that the truth can get us in trouble or disappoint someone. Is there ever a time when it's ok to lie? What can happen when we tell just a "little white lie"?
2. In our Bible story about Samuel, we saw that God revealed things to Samuel about Eli that were quite troubling. Put yourself in Samuel's shoes. How did Samuel feel having this news? Would you have wanted to share those things? Do you think Samuel did the right thing by telling the truth?
3. Telling the truth can feel like a sticky situation especially when it comes to things that are shared in confidence-or secret. We have to know when it's ok to keep a secret and when it's not. Should we have hide the truth if a friend tells us that they are hurt or really struggling with something? What about if our friend tells us they have something really dangerous that could hurt them or someone else? Sometimes it's better to break a promise of not telling than to keep a secret about a hurting friend or a dangerous situation. You could help a friend or even save a life by telling the truth to a trusted adult!

Memory Verse: : "Let my words and my thoughts be pleasing to you, God" -Psalm 19:14

