



Discussion Guide

February 15

Matthew 28:18–20

¹⁸ And Jesus came and said to them, “All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. ¹⁹ Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, ²⁰ teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age.”

Read Matthew 28:18–20

1. What does Jesus’ authority have to do with our confidence in making disciples?
2. What stands out to you about what Jesus commands—and promises—in this passage?
3. Why do you think baptism is included as part of this commission? Why is baptism significant? What has been your experience with baptism?

Acts 1:8

⁸ But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth.”

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4. Why is the Holy Spirit essential to being a witness?
5. What does it mean to be a witness rather than a salesperson or debater?
6. Where has God placed you to be a witness right now?
7. How “empowered” do you feel to be a witness to Christ’s work? In your experience, where has that empowerment come from?
8. Extra Credit: Read all of chapter 1 and then chapter 2. Be prepared to talk about how and when the promise of 1:8 was fulfilled for the first disciples.