

## 2024.05.26 - Matthew 28v16-20



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The eleven disciples traveled to Galilee, to the mountain where Jesus had directed them. When they saw him, they worshiped, but some doubted. Jesus came near and said to them, "All authority has been given to me in heaven and on earth."

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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, teaching them to observe everything I have commanded you. And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age."  
Matthew 28v16-20 (CSB)

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"If *disciple* is something that is done *to* you (a verb), then that puts the onus of responsibility for your spiritual formation on *someone else*, like your pastor, church, or mentor. But if *disciple* is a *noun* - if it's someone you *are* or are not - then no one can "disciple" you but Rabbi Jesus himself."  
John Mark Comer

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3 Phrases to Describe Disciple Making:  
"Go"

"Now Jesus **began to go** all over Galilee, teaching in their synagogues, preaching the good news of the kingdom, and healing every disease and sickness among the people."  
Matthew 4v23

"Jesus **continued going** around to all the towns and villages, teaching in their synagogues, preaching the good news of the kingdom, and healing every disease and every sickness."  
Matthew 9v35

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3 Phrases to Describe Disciple Making:  
"Go"  
"Baptize people"

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"When first-century Christians took this step of identifying themselves with the death and resurrection of Jesus, they were publicly declaring their allegiance to Christ. This immediately marked them for martyrdom – all of the hostility that the world felt toward Jesus would now be directed at them. Baptism was a declaration that a person's life, identity, and priorities were centered on Jesus and His mission."  
Francis Chan

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3 Phrases to Describe Disciple Making:  
"Go"  
"Baptize people"  
"Teach them to obey everything Jesus commanded"

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Discipleship to Jesus absolutely has to do with our obedience to Jesus.

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Internal Barriers	External Barriers
Indifference to what God is saying and doing.	The unbridled busyness of people (ourselves and others) - lack of margin.
Refusal to repent of sin.	The prioritization of other things (such as sports) over Christian community.
General fear of the unknown - fear that things will get messy with unexpected results.	The power of consumerism within our culture.
"I was never (properly) disciplined, so how can I make disciples of others?"	It can seem like many Christians don't want to grow as a disciple, let alone make disciples.

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