Seventh Experience [go]

GOAL - Commit the Great Commission to memory.

Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations... – Jesus, Matthew 28:19

CARING FOR ONE ANOTHER

- 1. What are you thankful for this week?
- 2. What has been challenging for you recently?

FOLLOW-UP

- 3. Who did you tell about the things you experienced in the last section?
- 4. How did it go?

GO MAKE DISCIPLES

Jesus came to earth. He healed the sick and set people free from demonic influences. He showed people how to truly love God and each other. He went to the cross. He rose again. He trained a group of disciples to continue his mission on the earth. Right before he ascended to heaven, he left his disciples with some important final words. These words are known as the "Great Commission." As followers of Jesus, the Great Commission is our "standing order" for what God wants accomplished in the earth.

READ AND DISCUSS — Underline any phrases that catch your attention.

The Great Commission:

"I have been given all authority in heaven and on earth. Therefore, go and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit. Teach these new disciples to obey all the commands I have given you. And be sure of this: I am with you always, even to the end of the age." (Matthew 28:18-20)

- 5. What does Jesus want us to do?
- 6. Where does Jesus want us to make disciples?
- 7. What should we teach new disciples to do?

ACTION

Memorize the Great Commission (Matthew 28:18-20).

- Write it out a few times until you can say it by memory.
- Practice saying it to each other from memory.

GOING DEEPER — Read, underline, and discuss.

"Come, be my disciples, and I will show you how to fish for people!" (Matthew 4:19)

"As the Father has sent me, so I am sending you." (John 20:21)

"The harvest is plentiful, but the workers are few. Ask the Lord of the harvest, therefore, to send out workers into his harvest field. Go! I am sending you..." (Luke 10:2-3, NIV)

This same Good News that came to you is going out all over the world. It is bearing fruit everywhere by changing lives, just as it changed your lives from the day you first heard and understood the truth about God's wonderful grace. (Colossians 1:6).

You have heard me teach things that have been confirmed by many reliable witnesses. Now teach these truths to other trustworthy people who will be able to pass them on to others. (2 Timothy 2:2

"And the Good News about the Kingdom will be preached throughout the whole world, so that all nations will hear it; and then the end will come." (Matthew 24:14).

HOW WILL IT ALL END?

Think of it—as a disciple of Jesus, you are connected to a multi-generational line of Jesus

followers, stretching all the way back to the first century. The first disciples obeyed Jesus'

command to make disciples, who made other disciples, and so on. You are part of God's story being written in the earth! God has a plan for the world. Evil forces may try to resist God's plans. But in the end, God's plans for the nations will be accomplished. We don't know when God's plans will be completely fulfilled, but through the Great Commission, we do know what God wants us to do. Are you ready to accept your mission?

MAKE IT PERSONAL

Throughout Pocket Disciple, you've shared a series of experiences with at least one other person. You've focused on getting to know Jesus and responding to his words together. As you've grown in your relationship with Jesus, you've learned a simple and powerful way to go make other disciples.

DISCUSS

- 8. During your time of going through Pocket Disciple, what aspects have been the most influential for you?
- 9. How have you seen God working through others in your group? How has this encouraged you?
- 10. What do you think God wants to do with your group next?

GIVE IT AWAY

Sharing with others what you've received from God is the greatest blessing.

- 11. What areas of your city have a need and openness to making new disciples?
- 12. Who do you know that would benefit from going through the seven experiences of Pocket Disciple?

Take a moment to pray for those God brings to mind. Look for an opportunity to ask them to go through Pocket Disciple with you. Jesus is sending you. Go make disciples!