

## **BIG IDEA**

"A church of disciples who make disciples, that's our vision for us as a church, that's our vision for you as a disciple of Jesus Christ. For being a disciple who makes disciples is something we're all called to and commanded to be, both individually and collectively."

## THOUGHTS FROM THE SERMON

### Read: Matthew 28:18-20; Mark 16:15; Acts 1:8

1. Before listening to Josh's sermon, how would you have defined "discipleship"? What assumptions or presuppositions did you (or do you) have about what it means to make disciples?

#### Read: 1 Corinthians 12:12-27; Ephesians 4:11-16

- 2. Discuss the various roles mentioned in the sermon (elders, staff, deacons, church members). How do they complement each other in making disciples? And how can we encourage and support one another in our respective roles within the church? What would it look like when each role is working properly?
- 3. How are you currently living on mission to make disciples of Jesus Christ? Are you discipling anyone? If so, how is God using you? If not, what steps could you take to become a disciple who makes disciples?
- 4. What are some common challenges you face in being a disciple who makes disciples?
- 5. Pastor Josh suggested various discipleship opportunities such as serving in our Next Gen ministry, leading a Life Group, serving with our college ministry partners, and even becoming a pastor or staff member. Do any of these opportunities resonate with you? Or what are some other opportunities that might be available to you?
- 6. Share personal insights, commitments, or action items inspired by the sermon and the discussion. In other words, how will you respond to the message this week?

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# PERSONAL REFLECTION AND APPLICATION

- 1. What has God shown you as you studied his word this week?
- 2. Why is there such value in reading and understanding the scriptures we looked at this week?
- 3. What points in the message encouraged you and gave you hope?
- 4. How will you personally apply what you learned from the sermon to your life?

#### **DEEPER**

Pray: Ask God to guide you and our church in making disciples of Jesus Christ.

**Read:** Consider reading 4 Chair Discipling by Dann Spader.

**Write:** Take time to write down your thoughts and insights from the sermon this week. Keeping a journal is just one more tool that you can use to track what God is showing you in your walk with him. Consider writing in questions for the podcast on the Gateway Church app.

**Sing:** Listen to the worship songs from Sunday throughout the week. Look up the lyrics to each song and spend some time reading them as well.

Memorize: Matthew 28:18-20

Love: Find someone to disciple and imitate you as you imitate Christ.

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