

Why Follow Jesus? February 18, 2024 | Matthew 28:18-20 + selected Scripture Questions for Study and Group Discussion

** Before you begin, please read Matthew 28:18-20

- 1. Icebreaker: When you were growing up, who did you want to be like? Why?
- 2. Share your knee-jerk reaction to the word "discipleship." Make a list of everyone's responses.
- 3. Very simply, as Christians "discipleship" means following Jesus. How does this basic understanding of discipleship change or shape how you view discipleship?
- 4. Review the reasons to follow Jesus that were provided in the message, along with key Bible passages for each. Which reason(s) stand out to you the most? Explain your answer.
- 5. Are there any additional reasons why following Jesus matters, that you would add to what you've already discussed? Share them here, with Bible passages that support what you say.
- 6. Why is it vital to be clear on the why behind discipleship? Or think of it this way: What happens if this why question isn't answered or isn't answered well?
- 7. What other questions or comments do you have about what you've looked at in the Bible today?
- 8. What is your biggest take-away from what you've discussed so far? What practical step will you take to apply what you've seen in God's Word?
- 9. **Challenge:** Identify one way the truths you've discussed are challenging or encouraging you. Who can you tell about what you're learning this coming week?
- 10. **Challenge: Memorize Matthew 28:18-20:** 18 Then Jesus came to them and said, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. 19 Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, 20 and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age."