

DISCUSSION GUIDE: Love God. Love People. Make Disciples. (week 1)

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PRIMARY PASSAGES:

Matthew 28:18-20: *Jesus came and told his disciples, “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.”*

Mark 16:15: *Jesus said to them, “Go into all the world and preach the gospel to all creation.”*

Acts 1:8: *But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes upon you. And you will be my witnesses, telling people about me everywhere—in Jerusalem, throughout Judea, in Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.”*

Luke 8:39: *Jesus said, “Go back home and tell people how much God has done for you.” So that man went all over town telling how much Jesus had done for him.*

MESSAGE HIGHLIGHTS:

Four steps to make disciples

- Now is your time to make disciples
- Evangelism is for all of us
- Witness to the people around you
- Start by praying for your lost friends

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. Read Matthew 28:18-20. When you hear Jesus' command to make disciples, what do you think of? What are the action words that you see in these verses? What are ways you can go and make disciples? What are ways you can teach new disciples?
2. Read Mark 16:15. How are you doing at sharing your faith with others? What are some fears you have about sharing your faith? Who are the people in your world who need to hear the Good News?
3. Read Acts 1:8. Identify the people around you (Jerusalem and Judea) who need to hear the Good News. Who are your Samaritans (people who are totally different than you) that you need to share the love of Jesus with?
4. Read Luke 8:39. Who are some people that God has placed in your path who need to hear the Good News? What is keeping you from sharing your faith with your neighbors, co-workers or friends? Who are the lost people that you need to start praying for?

Dear Heavenly Father, Thank You that You have trusted us with the mission of sharing the Good News of Jesus with all those around us. Help us to start praying for those You have placed in our path who desperately need a relationship with You. Help us to rely on the Holy Spirit to guide us and direct us as we share our faith with those who need to hear.

