

The Original Blueprint for a Missional Lifestyle

Rediscovering the last command of Jesus

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."

Our version ...

18) Then Jesus came to them and said, “All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me.

19) Therefore, **those of you that have a special “calling” to be a church planter, pastor, evangelist, or missionary**, go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, ...

Our version ...

18) Then Jesus came to them and said, “All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me.

19) Therefore go **and start churches and invite people to come. Attempt to make disciples by giving them good sermons ... Baptize them if they are so inclined ... teaching them to think about whatever you feel inspired to talk about.”**

Our version ...

18) Then Jesus came to them and said, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me.

19) Therefore go, and figure out your life mission, find out what makes your heart come alive and pursue it with gusto. Hopefully, some of you will choose a life mission like mine which is go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, ...

Our version ...

18) Then Jesus came to them and said, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me.

19) Therefore, if your spiritual gift assessment, personality profile, or passions reflect that sort of desire to go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, ...

Our version ...

18) Then Jesus came to them and said, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me.

19) Therefore go to church, worship, give an offering, listen to a sermon and serve me in whatever way you have time, and whatever way that makes you happy.

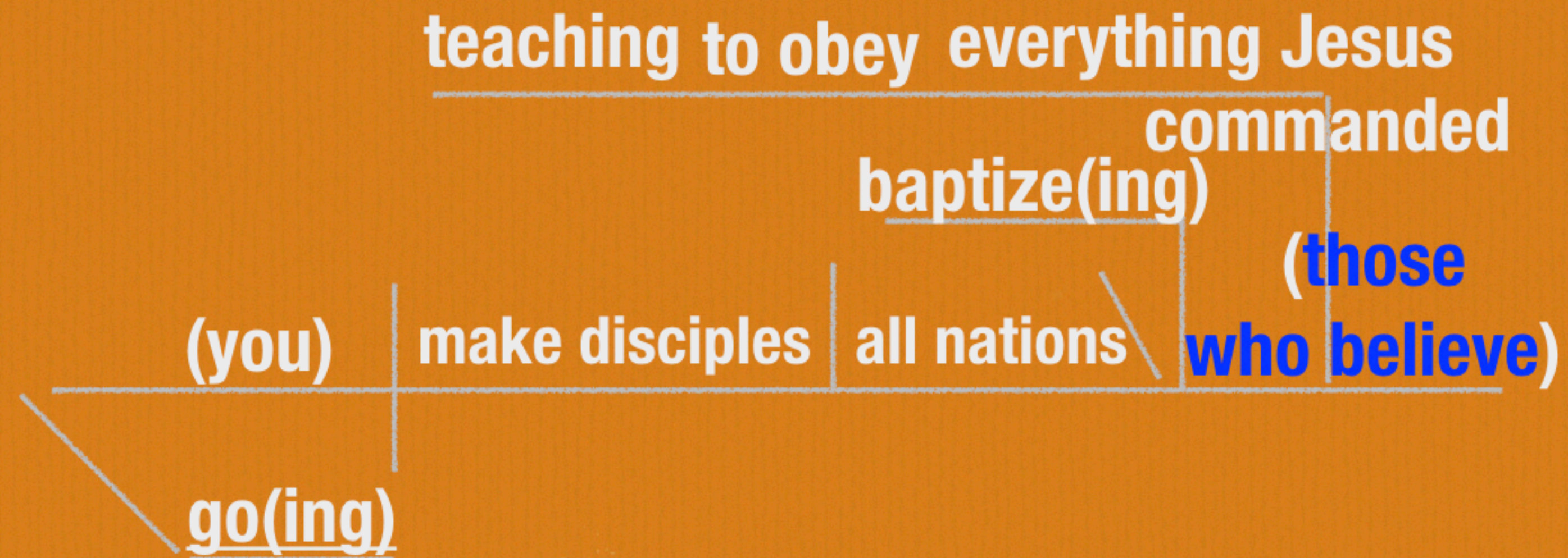
4 key actions

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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."



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,
and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you



Our version ...

18) Then Jesus came to them and said, “All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me.

19) Therefore go, find another Christian, meet with them on a regular basis, help them grow in their faith by helping them establish a quiet time, overcome their addictions, live for my glory, etc.

19) Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, ...

all nations = panta ta ethne - panta = all ta ethne = ethnic groups - people groups - people who share a common language and culture.

PEOPLE WHO ARE NOT YET DISCIPLES!

EVERYONE is either a disciple or needs to be made a disciple

EVERY DISCIPLE makes disciples

GO = take the initiative to engage people in conversations in which we communicate who Jesus IS and what He wants to do in their lives.

BAPTIZING = immerse/ submerge in water (as if being buried) and being raised to new life in Him.

TEACHING = training (new disciples) to DO all the things Jesus commanded us to do!

love one another

serve one another

remember his death

give

forgive

pray

heal the sick

Who me?

“I’m not ... spiritual enough. “ holy enough.”

“I don’t know enough about the Bible.” healthy enough.”

“I’m too young/old.”

“I don’t know enough about
apologetics.”

“That’s not my gift.”

“I have a job ... and a life.”

“I’m not that good at learning
a new language.”

Jesus said: follow me and I will make you fishers of men

we will be his witnesses wherever we go

All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me

I am with you always!

**HOW this is being lived out in movements around
the world:**

**we who follow Jesus are always looking for people
of peace/households of peace through liberal sowing**

**new disciples are taught their identity as
disciple-makers**

**everyones in trained in the context of community -
dmm discipling groups that focus on obedience-
based discipleship**

**new groups are lead by these new disciples who
are being discipled by people like us!!**

What adjustments do we need to make to more closely follow Jesus' blueprint for a missional lifestyle?

Are our efforts at outreach and engaging our communities leading to new disciples?

How am I doing with the 4 basic elements of Jesus last command?

liberal sowing **creative ways to meet felt needs**
motivated by love