



The Passing of the Baton
Mark 16:14-20

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In a relay race, the exchange of the baton is the most critical moment. Races are often won or lost not by the speed of the runners, but in that brief instant when one runner releases the baton to another. A clean passing of the baton is essential for teams to win a victory.

Disciple-making is like a relay race. There will come a moment when there must be a clean passing of the baton. In Jesus relationship with The Twelve, that moment had come. One had dropped out of the race, but it was time for the other eleven disciples to take the baton.

In our text, Jesus cleanly passed the baton to His eleven disciples right before He ascended back up into heaven.

Main Thought...

→ True disciple-making requires a clean _____ of the baton.

1. **This is a _____ moment (v. 14).**

Mt. 4:19; Lk. 6:40

2. **There is a _____ exchange (v. 15-16).**

Mt. 28:18-20a; Lk. 24:46-47; Jn. 20:21-22; 2 Tim. 2:1-2

3. **There is a _____ to faith (v. 17-18).**

Mt. 28:20b; Acts 1:8

4. **There is a _____ to make (v. 19-20).**

Acts 2:41; 6:7; 9:31; 12:24; 17:6b

Final Thoughts...

→ Have you made the choice to _____ a disciple of Christ?

→ Are you in the process of _____ disciplined by another?

→ Is it time to step out to _____ a disciple maker?

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