



SONGS: "My Testimony", "Fresh Wind", "Yes, I will"

TITLE: " Therefore Go "

ICE BREAKER: Pastor Sean shared about his trouble with rolling stops at stop signs. What's a Law that you have trouble living out?

BIG IDEA: This is the Great Commandment, not a Good Suggestion

MAIN SCRIPTURE: Matthew 28:16-20

Then the eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain where Jesus had told them to go. When they saw him, they worshiped him; but some doubted. Then Jesus came to them and said, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. 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. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age."

OPENING THOUGHTS:

The command of the Great Commission is to "go and make disciples of all nations"; this is done by "baptizing them" and "teaching them to obey" what Christ has commanded. Evangelizing, the spreading of the Good News is not enough (though it is the first step); "disciples" must be made: true followers of Christ and his teachings. "The task of the church is not just evangelism, but to disciple the world for Christ. Every person who is won to Christ must be anchored to a lifetime in Christ, and taught how to live for Christ daily. Then we (The Church) will live out this command via Disciple Making!

MAIN POINTS IN TEACHING:

GO - We are filled by the Spirit to move

MAKE DISCIPLES - Our daily Purpose wherever we are

BAPTIZING - Empowered to Declare to the World with our Actions "Jesus is Lord"

TEACHING - Our Testimony is a living lesson

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:

1. What is Evangelism and Discipleship, and why are both needed?

2. What is the importance of Jesus saying in verse 18: "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me."
3. Who first evangelized you, by sharing the Gospel? When was the last time you shared the Gospel with someone? What are some obstacles (Excuses or Rolling Stops) that keep us from Evangelizing? I don't know the Gospel; I don't speak well, not sure where to start?
4. Have you been Discipled by someone? Are you Discipling someone? What are some of the obstacles (Excuses or Rolling Stops) that keep us from Discipling others? Suggestions: Not enough time, Unwillingness, How do I disciple someone if I haven't been discipled?
5. SIMPLE TOOLS to get you started The GOSPEL - God created us to be with Him. (Genesis 1-2) Our sins separate us from God. (Genesis 3) Sins cannot be removed by good deeds. (Genesis 4 – Malachi 4) Paying the price for sin, Jesus died and rose again. (Matthew – Luke) Everyone who trusts in Him alone has eternal life. (John) Life with Jesus starts now and lasts forever. (Acts – Revelation) The Discipleship Process –
 1. LOVE THEM - Because He loved us first, we can now love others. This love should be the basis of all that we do, and from it comes the basis of discipling others.
 2. SHOW THEM - As Paul told the Corinthians to imitate him as He imitated Christ; we should be modeling Jesus' love and actions so well that it inspires others to do the same.
 3. TEACH THEM - Most times the disciples were confused about Jesus' parables and teachings, so Jesus took the disciples aside by themselves and taught them about the word of God and what it meant.
 4. CORRECT THEM - It's ok if people make mistakes, but as we disciple others we should not be afraid to correct them in the process and point them back to Jesus.
 5. EQUIP THEM - Help them develop these gifts and strengthen them so that they will be ready to make disciples of their own and serve the Body of Christ in their own unique way.
 6. SEND THEM - The Goal is Multiplication: As we are discipled, Jesus commissions us to go, and make disciples, telling all the nations about Him. That is what we are here for, the sending of disciples so that everyone may know, love, and worship the Father.

FURTHER STUDY (IF APPLICABLE)

BOOKS TO READ: Heromaker by Dave Ferguson / Building a Discipleship Culture by Mike Breen / The Celtic Way of Evangelism by George G Hunter III

CHALLENGE: To truly be Disciples of Jesus, we are commanded to make disciples. Will you make the commitment today to begin the discipleship process with someone the Lord has put in your life?

CLOSING PRAYER:

Lord we pray for the power from your Holy Spirit to live out this Commission. We are reminded that in our weakness, you are made strong. We want to GO as you lead, MAKING DISCIPLES telling people about you and walking them into a life with you, BAPTIZING others with the filling of the Holy Spirit and leading them to the public declaration of Water Baptism symbolizing new life, TEACHING who you are to a dying World that needs the word of life not just with our words but also with our love. May we live as Light and Life in Jesus name, amen!