



MEMORY VERSE

Go therefore and make disciples of all nations,
baptizing them in the name of the Father and of
the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to
observe all that I have commanded you.

MATTHEW 28:19-20

SESSION 5

ALL



The word, “ALL” is a small word, but it has a massive impact. Is there a smaller word with a bigger reach? Are there words with fewer letters in the English language that describe more than the word all does? When it comes to the Great Commission, I want you to think about all authority, all that Jesus taught, and taking that message to all nations, because that’s what the word all conveys where we find it in the Great Commission.

SHARE
**YOUR
STORY**



Open your group with prayer. This should be a brief, simple prayer, in which you invite God to be with you as you meet. You can pray for specific requests at the end of the meeting or stop momentarily to pray if a particular situation comes up during your discussion.

Telling our personal stories builds deeper connections among group members. Begin your time together by using the following questions and activities to get people talking. Sharing our stories requires us to be honest. We can help one another be honest and open by creating a safe place; be sure that your group is one where confidentiality is respected, where there is no such thing as “stupid questions,” where you listen without criticizing one another.

- **Looking back over your life, what have you given your all to?**
- **Thinking about last week’s lesson on the Holy Spirit, how have you experienced the Holy Spirit empowering you this week?**





WATCH THE VIDEO

Use the Teaching Notes space provided to record key thoughts, questions and things you want to remember or follow up on. After watching the video, have someone read the discussion questions in the **Hear God's Story** section and direct the discussion among the group. As you go through each of the subsequent sections, ask someone else to read the questions, and direct the discussion.

HEAR GOD'S STORY



READ EPHESIANS 1:19-23.

and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power toward us who believe, according to the working of his great might²⁰ that he worked in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly places,²¹ far above all rule and authority and power and dominion, and above every name that is named, not only in this age but also in the one to come.²² And he put all things under his feet and gave him as head over all things to the church,²³ which is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all.

- What is the role of the word “all” in this passage?
- In verse 20, what’s the significance of where Jesus was and where Jesus went?
- In the video, Roger said, “Jesus Christ is Lord. He is Lord of heaven. He is Lord of earth. He is Lord of the spiritual realm. He is Lord of the physical realm. He is Lord over the grave. And it is this one, the head of the Church who commissions us to go, to teach to all nations. Are you being obedient to our Lord to go?” What is your response?
- In the Great Commission, Jesus starts with “All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go therefore...” What are the implications of Jesus’ authority on your part in fulfilling the Great Commission?



STUDY NOTES

all rule and authority and power and dominion, verse 21, also translated any ruler or authority or power or leader or anything else.

above every name that is named, verse 21, refers to people with authority or fame including kings, presidents, emperors, and others.

put all things under his feet, verse 22, or under the authority of Christ.



CREATE
**A NEW
STORY**

God wants you to be part of His kingdom—to weave your story into His. That will mean change. It will require you to go His way rather than your own. This won't happen overnight, but it should happen steadily. By making small, simple choices, we can begin to change our direction. The Holy Spirit helps us along the way— giving us gifts to serve the body, offering us insights into Scripture, and challenging us to love not only those around us but those far from God.

In this section, talk about how you will apply the wisdom you've learned in this lesson.

- **The second use of the word “all” in the Great Commission is “making disciples of all nations” (or ethnic groups). What type of people do you feel compassion toward?**
- **In the video, Roger quoted Warren Wiersbe, who said, “Since Jesus Christ today has all authority, we may obey Him without fear. No matter where He leads us, no matter what circumstances we face, He is in control. By His death and resurrection, Jesus defeated all enemies and won for Himself all authority.” What assurance do you find from this quote?**
- **How might God use this season to prepare you to deploy? How might He expose to you a greater need for your own discipleship?**
- **If you knew you couldn't fail, what would you attempt to do for God?**

- Spend some time praying about those you know who might respond to a simple invitation: to come to a church service, to join your small group, or even just to have coffee and talk about spiritual matters. Ask the Holy Spirit to bring to mind people you can pray for.
- A strong group is made up of people who are all being filled up by God, so that they are empowered to love one another. What specific steps will you take this week to connect with God privately, so He can “fill you up?” If you’ve focused on prayer in past weeks, maybe you’ll want to direct your attention to Scripture this week. If you’ve been reading God’s Word consistently, perhaps you’ll want to take it deeper and try memorizing a verse. Tell the group which one you plan to try this week. Then, at your next meeting, talk about your progress and challenges.
- Ask “How can we pray for you this week?” Invite everyone to share, but don’t force the issue. Be sure to write prayer requests on your Prayer and Praise Report on page 119 .

Close your meeting with prayer.



FOR ADDITIONAL STUDY ▶▶▶

If you feel God nudging you to go deeper, take some time before the next meeting to dig into His Word. Explore the Bible passages related to this session's theme on your own and jot your reflections in a journal or in this study guide. A great way to gain insight on a passage is to read it in several different translations. You may want to use a Bible app or website to compare translations.

▶ **READ DANIEL 7:13-14.**

- Who are the son of man and Ancient of Days in this passage?
- What was the extent of the dominion given to the son of man?
- Compare this passage to the Great Commission in Matthew 28:18-20. What similarities do you see?

▶ **READ 2 TIMOTHY 2:1-2.**

- Who poured into your life spiritually as a believer?
- Who are you investing in spiritually?
- How could these efforts be multiplied? What's holding you back?



DAILY DEVOTIONS

DAY 1

READ JOHN 5:30.

I can do nothing on my own. As I hear, I judge, and my judgment is just, because I seek not my own will but the will of him who sent me.

Respond: Do you seek God before you take initiative? Why or why not?

DAY 2

READ JOHN 20:21.

Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, even so I am sending you."

Respond: What does it mean to you that Jesus is sending you?

DAY 3

READ
2 CORINTHIANS 5:14.

For the love of Christ controls us, because we have concluded this: that one has died for all, therefore all have died;

Respond: How do you feel about the love of Christ controlling you?

DAY 4

READ
1 THESSALONIANS 2:8.

So, being affectionately desirous of you, we were ready to share with you not only the gospel of God but also our own selves, because you had become very dear to us.

Respond: The Spirit knows your heart and intercedes on your behalf. What comfort (or discomfort) do you find in this verse?

DAY 5

READ ROMANS 6:10-11.

For the death he died he died to sin, once for all, but the life he lives he lives to God. So you also must consider yourselves dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus.

Respond: Think about the transformation God's power made in your life. Spend a minute thanking God for saving you.

DAY 6

Reflect on the verses from this past week, and use the following space to write any thoughts God has put in your heart and mind about the things we have looked at in this session and during your Daily Devotions time this week.