

Main Idea: Those who follow Jesus are sent by Jesus as disciple-makers in all the earth.

Jesus is Lord (28:16-18)

- Risen from the dead (28:1-16)
- Worthy of your worship (28:17)
- In charge of all the universe (28:18)

Disciples must make disciples (28:19-20)

- **What are disciples?**
 - Full-time followers of Jesus
- **Where do they make disciples?**
 - Wherever they go
 - All nations
- **How do they make disciples?**
 - Baptizing - Sharing the gospel to the point of conversion
 - Teaching - Sharing the life to which Jesus has called His followers
- **With what confidence do they make disciples?**
 - The presence and power of Jesus is our confidence

Ask yourself

- **Where am I going with the gospel?**
- **Where should I go with the gospel?**
- **Who should I invite to follow Jesus?**
- **How would I teach them to be a disciple?**

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Discussion Guide

NT Overview

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Intro Question: What is something that you really enjoy or are really good at?

Teaching Part 1

Jesus is Lord (28:16-18)

If you had abandoned Jesus to get beaten, mocked, and crucified, then all of a sudden He ends up being alive, how do you think you would react to seeing Him?

- The disciples of Jesus all abandoned Him when He was betrayed. Some even outright denied knowing Him. You could understand some hesitancy when He shows back up. But Jesus' love and compassion has been shown throughout the book of Matthew and it shows up again here at the end. Instead of punishing the disciples for their failure, Jesus commissions them as the first recipients and messengers of His gospel.

How does the authority of Jesus affect the way you look at big life choices?

- Jesus tells His disciples that He has all authority in heaven and on earth, then He sends them out as witnesses to make disciples. Jesus has the authority to send us and equip us to make disciples in whatever way He wants. Our life decisions should always be based on what brings God glory through the advancement of His gospel. That may cause you to pursue a different career or pick a different school. Jesus has the authority to demand everything from us. But this authority is also a comfort for us. No matter what God calls us to, He has the rights and the power to to strengthen, protect, prosper, and keep us in our obedience.

Teaching Part 2

We must make disciples (28:19-20)

What do you feel when you hear Jesus' expectations of his followers in this great commission? What does Jesus tell us about Himself to help us know how to respond?

- What Jesus calls us to may be intimidating. It is a great call that has global implications. We have to look at what Jesus says before and after His commission to understand how we can truly pursue this mission. He assures his disciples beforehand of His authority. There is nowhere they can go where He is not in charge. Then after His commission He reassures them with His presence, that He will be with them always. We should put our hope in the power and presence of Jesus when we feel that the mission is too great.

Ask Yourself

Use the space on your handout to think through and write down answers to these questions.

- Where am I going with the gospel? What are the places, activities, or communities that are already part of my life where I can be a witness to the gospel?
- Where should I go with the gospel? What are places, activities, or communities that you are not currently engaging but that God may be calling you to reach out to with the gospel?
- Who should I invite to follow Jesus? Who is a specific person that you know who does not know Jesus?
- How would I teach them to be a disciple? Consider what your next steps would be if your friend came to believe in Jesus.

Answer to Remember: Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight, and sin which clings so closely, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us... Hebrews 12:1

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