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# MAKING DISCIPLES

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## MAKE DISCIPLES THE BLESSING OF OBEDIENCE

Teach these new disciples to obey all the commands I have given you.." Matthew 28:20a NLT

"Anyone who loves me will obey my teaching. My Father will love them, and we will come to them and make our home with them." **John 14:23 NIV** 

For God is working in you, giving you the desire and the power to do what pleases him. **Philippians 2:13 NLT** 

if you confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. **Romans 10:9 ESV** 

So get rid of all the filth and evil in your lives, and humbly accept the word God has planted in your hearts, for it has the power to save your souls. **James 1:21 NLT** 

#### THE BLESSINGS OF OBEDIENCE

5 One day as Jesus was preaching on the shore of the Sea of Galilee,[a] great crowds pressed in on him to listen to the word of God. 2 He noticed two empty boats at the water's edge, for the fishermen had left them and were washing their nets. 3 Stepping into one of the boats, Jesus asked Simon,[b] its owner, to push it out into the water. So he sat in the boat and taught the crowds from there.4 When he had finished speaking, he said to Simon, "Now go out where it is deeper, and let down your nets to catch some fish."

5 "Master," Simon replied, "we worked hard all last night and didn't catch a thing. But if you say so, I'll let the nets down again." 6 And this time their nets were so full of fish they began to tear! 7 A shout for help brought their partners in the other boat, and soon both boats were filled with fish and on the verge of sinking.8 When Simon Peter realized what had happened, he fell to his knees before Jesus and said, "Oh, Lord, please leave me—I'm such a sinful man." 9 For he was awestruck by the number of fish they had caught, as were the others with him. 10 His partners, James and John, the sons of Zebedee, were also amazed.

Jesus replied to Simon, "Don't be afraid! From now on you'll be fishing for people!" 11 And as soon as they landed, they left everything and followed Jesus.

Luke 5:1-11 NLT

#### MY OBEDIENCE IN LITTLE OPENS UP MORE

When he had finished speaking, he said to Simon, "Now go out where it is deeper, and let down your nets to catch some fish." **Luke 5:4** 

One who is faithful in a very little is also faithful in much... Luke 16:10a ESV

#### MY OBEDIENCE RELEASES BLESSINGS FOR OTHERS

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#### MY OBEDIENCE ALWAYS RESULTS IN A BLESSED LIFE

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Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. **Matthew 11:29 ESV** 

The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life and have it abundantly. **John 10:10 ESV** 

### COMMUNITY GROUP QUESTIONS

1. Read the Great Commission. Matthew 28:18-20. Why is "teach to OBEY" so important, rather than simply "teach'.

- 2. What does it mean for our lives to 'confess Jesus as Lord"?
- 3. Read Luke 5:1-11 What impacts you most in this story?
- 4. Discuss what each of the blessings of our obedience might look like.
- 5. Is there any part of Jesus' Word you need to humble receive and start obeying?