

Disciple-Makers: Our Primary Calling

Goal: The goal of this study is to help us understand that to follow Jesus is to invite others to follow him and in doing so we are obeying Him.

Openers (Choose 1 or 2):

- Who is someone significant you choose to “follow” on social media? Why do you “follow” them?
- Who is someone you consider a leader/influencer in your life? Why do you follow them/what they do?”
- Share about someone who has impacted your faith journey and what have they taught you about God?

Scripture:

Matthew 28:18-20 (NIV) – Jesus’ Last Words

18 Then Jesus came to them and said, “All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. **19** 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, **20** and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age.

Digging Deeper:

Observations

- Looking at the context around the verses we just read, Who was Jesus talking to? What do you know about them?
- What do these verses tell us about what it looks like to make disciples? ***Baptize & Teach. Teach what? To obey what Jesus has commanded.***

Interpretations

- What do you think the word “disciple” means? ***A follower or student of a teacher (according to Webster)***
- Why do you think baptism is included in these instructions?
- What did Jesus mean when he said we needed to “teach”?
- Why do you think “baptize” comes before “teach”?
- Out of all the things Jesus could have said, why do you think He left his followers/students/disciples with this command?

Applications

- What's difficult for you about this command to make disciples? What's easy for you about this command to make disciples?
- **Get into groups of 2-3.** One way that we can make disciples to is by sharing the things that God is teaching us in our lives so we're going to practice that now by getting into groups and answering these three questions: What is one thing that Jesus is teaching you in your life right now? Who can you pass that on to? When will your next opportunity be to share with them? Pray for those people you thought of and for your opportunity to share with them.