

Gospel of Matthew “Great Commission 2”
Matthew 28:16-20
September 1, 2024

2 Timothy 3:16-17

16 All Scripture is breathed out by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, 17 that the man of God may be complete, equipped for every good work.

Matthew 28:16-20

16 Now the eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain to which Jesus had directed them. 17 And when they saw him they worshiped him, but some doubted. 18 And Jesus came and said to them, “All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. 19 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, 20 teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age.”

John 17:6, 18

6 “I have manifested your name to the people whom you gave me out of the world.

18 As you sent me into the world, so I have sent them into the world.

Jesus was sent to reveal the Father and to make Him known.

How do you make disciples?

Baptize and teach.

John 17:24

24 Father, I desire that they also, whom you have given me, may be with me where I am, to see my glory that you have given me because you loved me before the foundation of the world.

God loves apart from what we do or don't do.

“Into” the name.

Discipleship is learning to live in all of God.

Acts 4:13

13 Now when they saw the boldness of Peter and John, and perceived that they were uneducated, common men, they were astonished. And they recognized that they had been with Jesus.

The strategy is not a new program but a new you.

Life Group Discussion Questions

- What did God say to you through His Word during our Sunday gathering?
- Are there any particular passages and lessons from Matthew's gospel that have been especially helpful to you?
- When were you baptized? Discuss the idea that being baptized "into" the name of God describes a new way of belonging and being in the world. Is this a new idea for you? If you have never been baptized, what would help you take a step towards this special event?
- How much work have you done to understand the Trinity? When have conversations and study on the Trinity been helpful and when have they been confusing?
- Discuss the idea that being "sent" is less about a new church program and more about a way you live your daily life. When have daily activities provided an opportunity to share the gospel and your life?
- Jesus said, "Go therefore, and make disciples...". To what places or people have you been sent to? If you don't know, where might God be directing you? How might this cause you to approach tomorrow differently?
- How can your Life Group help and support you in applying this passage to your life this week?