



LifeGroup Questions from Oct 25-20 “Am I a Disciple of Jesus?”

Opening Crowd-breaker Question: As you look back on your spiritual journey, were there people who were significant in helping you? how did they guide your progress?

CO-MISSION WITH JESUS

The Holy Spirit, through the apostle Matthew, communicates what has become known as “The Great Commission”. Read **Matthew 28:18-20**.

Q: On what basis (**vs. 18**) can Jesus give this command, and why is this important?

What is it that we are to “make” (**vs.19**) — how would you describe one?

On Sunday, we learned that while Jesus gave four actions in verse, there is only *one* imperative (command), with 3 participles that help define or describe “make”



Q: How have you been engaged in making disciples “as you are going”?

Being baptized in water is one of the first steps of obedience by a disciple. On Sunday, we learned that there is a spiritual dynamic of being baptized “in the name of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit” — i.e. being immersed in the reality and fulness of the Trinity.

Q: How do disciples experience the reality of the Father, Son & Holy Spirit? (**2 Cor 13:14**)

“Disciples can’t be mass-produced...but they must be multiplied”

Jesus said that in making disciples we are to teach them not only all that He commanded but also obedience to all that He taught. How does teaching them *to obey* differ from just teaching them *to know*? Which do you like being taught, and why is that?

Skye Jethani wrote a recent book, *What If Jesus Was Serious?*, responding to the lack of obedience to all Jesus taught. Is there something Jesus taught that you are tempted to not take seriously? something that you struggle to put into practice? Discuss.

Jesus gives the incredible promise of His continual presence to us in **vs. 20**.

Q: What effect will His presence have on you as a disciple? as you make disciples?

DEFINING DISCIPLESHIP

Dr. Martin Sanders (one of Gerry's mentors) defined discipleship the following way: *"Discipleship is the process by which a Christ-follower with a life worth emulating, commits himself/herself for an extended period of time to a few individuals who have trusted Christ, the purpose being to aid and guide their growth to maturity, and to equip them to reproduce themselves in the lives of a third spiritual generation."*

Q: What do you appreciate about this description? What nuance may be new to you?

Q: How do we gauge when is our role complete in discipling people?

DISCIPLESHIP MYTHS

The following are some of the myths that we may hold to in regards to discipleship:

Discipleship is... - automatic - optional - only for new believers
 - only 1-on-1 - a program - only a corporate concern

Q: Which of these myths may have been part of your understanding of discipleship?

In the message, we heard that "Disciples can't be mass-produced". What are some reasons why this is true?

Read **2 Timothy 2:2**. What are we to do with what we learn and put into practice?

APPLICATION

In the message, we were given two questions — with a few clarifying questions today...

Q: Am I intentionally being disciplined? (how? by whom?). Next step: _____

Q: Am I intentionally discipling others? (how? who?). Next step: _____

Q: How might our LifeGroup become more intentional in making disciples?

PRAY that we would respond with fresh intention to being disciplined & discipling others

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