



LET'S GO: Make Disciples

Warm-Up Question:

Describe different things around you that you see grow. How can you recognize spiritual growth in the church? How about in you?

READ: Matthew 28:16-20 (in ESV, NLT & The Message)

I. GROW: OUT

- ▶ The one verb in this passage is to “make disciples,” followed by three ways to do that, “go,” “baptize,” and “teach.” Go through each of these words and discuss what you think Jesus meant and was calling the church to do.
- ▶ What does it look like for the average Christian to “go and make disciples” in normal everyday life? What gifts, resources, and place in life has God uniquely given you where He might use you in the church’s call to do this?
- ▶ Share a few reasons this call to “go” and live intentionally where you live, work, and play are difficult for you personally. What makes this hard?
- ▶ Give ex’s of how God has used you even in small ways to help someone move toward growing spiritually, or how you would like him to use you.

II. GROW: UP

- ▶ From VS. 20, how do you know the church is not simply called to help people be converted and come to church? What is practically required to help others “observe all Jesus commanded...”?
- ▶ Read Eph. 4:12-16. What words/phrases are used to show our call to “grow up” as Christians? Who is actually helping people grow up (VS 12,16)?
- ▶ How would you describe your personal commitment to “grow up”? What do you think you need from others to help you grow up spiritually?

III. GROW: DEEP

- ▶ VS 16-17 mentions the disciples having lost one with some still doubting/hesitating. How had they always been imperfect & weak in following Jesus? Read Acts 4:13. How’s this encourage you? What’s our primary calling?
- ▶ Most Christians feel too imperfect, weak, and not equipped to do what God calls us to. What difference should it make that Jesus 1) had “all authority in heaven and earth,” and 2) said he’d “be with us always”?

What is one main take-away you want to apply in your life this week?

Digging Deeper In the Text

- ◆ What’s the main theme?
- ◆ What does it say about God (Father/Son/Holy Spirit)?
- ◆ What does it say about us?
- ◆ What is God calling us to do (imperatives/commands)?
- ◆ Why is it hard to do that (Our sin, weakness, idolatry, finiteness, inconsistency)?
- ◆ Where do you see God’s grace in the work of Jesus?
- ◆ How does God’s grace motivate and empower us to do what is calling us to do?

Digging Deeper in Application

- ◆ How would this change my life if I really believed and lived it out?
- ◆ How should it influence:
 - 1) My relationship with God
 - 2) My view of myself
 - 3) My relationship with others (family, friends, co-workers, neighbors)
 - 4) My work/calling
- ◆ What is the grace or promise of God that motivates me to do these things?