

SCC Small Group Discussion
The Great Commission – Matthew 28:18-20

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Getting Started:

If someone were to ask you what it means to “make disciples”, what ideas or actions would you include in your response? Why did you pick those?

Who have been the most influential people in your life as it pertains to you becoming more like Jesus?

Searching the Scriptures:

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

1. What examples of disciple making do you recall in the Bible (other than Jesus and his disciples)?

2. What similar characteristics or elements do those examples share with how Jesus came alongside his own followers?

3. What does it mean to have authority (see v.18)? Who currently has the ability to exercise authority over you in your various circles of life? How does that change how you relate to them?

4. Since Jesus has all authority, what does that mean for us? Do we have delegated authority (in other words, a calling) at home, work, school, social interactions, etc.? What responsibilities come with this?

5. When you read “Go” as, “As you are going,” what places that you normally visit come to mind? Which of the people in those familiar locales strikes you as needing help to become a disciple of Jesus? How does that involve you? What would you “teach them to obey”?

6. How confident do you feel initiating conversations about Jesus with people you come into contact with? What would help make this easier for you? Has anyone ever asked you about your faith in God? If so, how did you respond?

7. How does knowing that Jesus will never leave you or forsake you frame the way you view challenges and rejections in life?

Personal Application: Work on your faith story by filling in these statements.

“Earlier in my life...”

“The main thing that caused me to look at Jesus was...”

“The prayer that changed my life sounded like this...”

“Since then my life has changed. For example...”

Next week we will conclude with the topic the Great Commandment: Matthew 22:35-40