

Therefore, GO!

MAKE DISCIPLES - THE GREAT COMMISSION

First *Therefore, GO!*
THE GREAT COMMISSION

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“ 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. ’ ”

MATTHEW 28:18-20 (NIV)

CONVERT OR DISCIPLE?

When you _____ to Christianity you become a _____ .
But a convert is not a _____ .

“ ⁹ If you declare with your mouth, ‘Jesus is Lord,’ and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved... ¹³ for, ‘Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.’ ”

ROMANS 10:9, 13 (NIV)

Conversion can happen in a _____ .
Discipleship is a commitment for a _____ .

WHAT DEFINES A DISCIPLES: MATTHEW 28:18-20

A disciple...

1. _____ Jesus as Savior and Lord: _____ .

“ I am the good shepherd; I know my sheep and my sheep know me.”

JOHN 10:14 (NIV)

“ Then I will tell them plainly, ‘I never knew you. Away from me, you evildoers!’ ”

MATTHEW 7:23 (NIV)

Example: MARK 5:28-34

2. _____ their faith through Baptism: _____ .

“ Or have you forgotten that when we were joined with Christ Jesus in baptism, we joined him in his death?⁴ For we died and were buried with Christ by baptism. And just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glorious power of the Father, now we also may live new lives.”

ROMANS 6:3-4 (NLT)

3. _____ in Christ by learning and doing what Jesus commands: _____.

“ We know that we have come to know him if we keep his commands.”

1 JOHN 2:3 (NIV)

I came to Jesus because I did not know which way to turn. I remained with Him because there is no other way. I came to Him longing for something I did not have. I remain with Him because He gives something I will not trade. I came to Him as a stranger. I remain with Him in the most intimate of friendships. I came to Him unsure about my future, I remain with Him certain about my destiny.

4. _____ by making other disciples.

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I Help Multiply Disciples When I...

• _____ like Jesus _____.

• _____ like Jesus _____.

“ Jesus said, “If you hold to my teaching, you are really my disciples. ³² Then you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free.”

JOHN 8:31b-32 (NIV)

“ A new command I give you: Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another. ³⁵ By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another.”

JOHN 13:34-35 (NIV)

• _____ like Jesus _____.

“ This is to my Father's glory, that you bear much fruit, showing yourselves to be my disciples.”

JOHN 15:8 (NIV)

“ But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, forbearance, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, ²³ gentleness and self-control.”

GALATIANS 5:22-23a (NIV)

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:

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- 1 - Convert vs. Disciple: In your own words, what is the difference between being a convert to Christianity and being a disciple of Jesus? Can you describe when and how this happened in your life?
- 2 - Surrender: Jesus' disciples know Him personally and surrender to His authority. What does surrender look like in your life right now?
- 3 - Identity: Why do you think Jesus connects discipleship so closely with baptism and identity? What does it mean for you to say, “I am a disciple of Jesus”?
- 4 - Growth: Discipleship is a lifelong journey. What has helped you grow most in following Jesus, and what might be your next step?
- 5 - Making Disciples: When you hear that every disciple is called to make disciples, what is your first reaction—and why?
- 6 - Of the three marks: Live like Jesus, love like Jesus, bear fruit—which one do you feel God calling you to focus on this week?

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