



The Great Commission

What is a Disciple?

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Key Verse:

Matthew 28:18-20

And Jesus came and said to them, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. 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, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age."

What is a Disciple?

1. A Disciple is a _____ of God.

A disciple absolutely adores his Savior and longs to praise Him and thank Him and glorify Him as often as possible, and he models this for others.

But an hour is coming, and now is, when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth; for such people the Father seeks to be His worshipers. (John 4:23)

2. A Disciple is _____ by love.

A disciple is not driven by a love of self, or a love of accomplishment. Rather, he is driven by a supreme love for his Savior, and love for others.

For the love of Christ compels us.... (2 Corinthians 5:14)

3. A Disciple invests in _____ believers.

The goal is not simply to help believers grow to spiritual adulthood. Rather, the goal is to help believers grow to spiritual parenthood. From the first chapter of the first book of the Bible, God commanded His people, *Be fruitful and multiply. (Genesis 1:28)*

Likewise, the Lord Jesus Christ told His disciples, You did not choose Me but I chose you, and appointed you that you would go and bear fruit, and that your fruit would remain. (John 15:16)

The things which you have heard from me in the presence of many witnesses, entrust these to faithful men who will be able to teach others also. (2 Timothy 2:2)

QUESTIONS FOR LIFE GROUPS AND PERSONAL REFLECTION:

Personal Life:

1. What insight, principle, or observation from this weekend's message did you find to be the most helpful or eye-opening?
2. What was the most difficult assignment you have ever been given?

Ponderings:

3. In Matthew 28:18-20 we find what is known as the Great Commission. What is the main commandment that Jesus is giving His disciples? What are the three subordinate commandments?
4. How are they to make disciples? With what resources? What is the ultimate goal of the disciple-making process?
5. What does Jesus promise in these verses? How much authority does Jesus have to offer His disciples in this process?

Promptings:

6. In what ways can you fulfill the Great Commission in the context of your family? Work? Community? What is keeping you from fulfilling the Great Commission?
7. Where is God calling you to be an ambassador for Him? Why has He chosen you? When should you start?