

**Life Group Notes & Discussion Guide, January 5th, 2025**

Series: **“Go Tell It on the Mountain”**

Message: **“Seeing Yourself as a Disciple of Christ”**

1. Read **Matthew 4:19**, then use it to fill in the biblical definition of a disciple below.

A disciple is devoted to:

- \_\_\_\_\_ Jesus; \_\_\_\_\_ *me...*
- Being \_\_\_\_\_ by Jesus; *I will* \_\_\_\_\_ *you...*
- Being on \_\_\_\_\_ for Jesus; \_\_\_\_\_ *of men...*

2. Read **Matthew 28:18**. Why do you think Jesus started the Great Commission with this verse?

Why should this verse have given His disciples (and us) confidence that they (we) could do whatever Jesus asked?

3. Read **Matthew 28:19**. To what does the word *therefore* in v. 19 refer?

Who does Jesus expect His disciples (and us) to reach?

What does this verse tell us about the Trinity?

4. Read **Matthew 28:20**, then read **Matthew 10:7-8 (p. 1035)**. According to **Matthew 10:7-8**, what things did Jesus command His disciples to do in this passage?

According to **Matthew 28:20**, do you think Jesus wanted His disciples to teach new disciples these same things? Why?

5. Read **John 14:12 (p. 1146)**. How does this support the idea that Jesus wanted His disciples to teach new disciples exactly what He commanded His disciples in **Matthew 10:7-8**?

6. How does the last sentence in **Matthew 28:20** combined with **Matthew 28:18** give His disciples (and us) everything we need to carry out His commands?

7. What will you remember most from this message?

**Discussion Guide for Your Life Group Meeting**

- I. At your Life Group meeting, first read **Psalm 118:7-12** aloud. It can be helpful to have several people each read one verse from their Bible. This helps people feel involved and can also introduce some interesting discussion if several translations are used. After reading the passage discuss it. If you are having trouble stimulating discussion, you can try asking some of the following questions:
1. **Ps. 118:7** reminds us that: *The Lord is on my side as my helper*. How often do you think of the Lord as *your helper*?
  2. Do you think remembering that might help us to be more confident in our daily lives?
  3. Can you think of a specific time in your life when the Lord helped you through a situation that would have severely impacted you without His help?
  4. Considering the current political unrest in our country, does **Ps. 118:8-9** help you to know peace despite it?
  5. **Ps. 118: 10-12** pertains to the Israelite’s time of captivity in Assyria. How do you think the psalmist was able *to cut them off in the name of the Lord*?
- II. Next read **Acts 20:22-24**, utilizing several group members to each read one verse aloud. After reading the passage discuss it. If you are having trouble stimulating discussion, you can try asking some of the following questions:
1. How do you think a man like Paul underwent such a massive transformation from persecuting Christians as Saul to becoming the Lord’s appointed disciple to the Gentiles?
  2. How does Paul’s transformation make you feel about your ability to be used by God?
  3. Have you come to that place yet where *you do not account your life of any value nor precious to yourself*?
  4. What do you think would have to happen in your life to bring you to that place?
- III. Now read **Matthew 4:19; 28:18-20**, utilizing several group members to each read one verse aloud. After reading the passage discuss it. If you are having trouble stimulating discussion, you can try asking some of the following questions:
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  2. Read **Matthew 28:18**. Why do you think Jesus started the Great Commission with this verse?

3. What did Pastor Dave tell us always accompanies ultimate authority?
4. Why should this verse have given His disciples (and us) confidence that they (we) could do whatever Jesus asked?
5. Read **Matthew 28:19**. To what does the word *therefore* in v. 19 refer?
6. Who does Jesus expect His disciples (and us) to reach?
7. What does this verse tell us about the Trinity?
8. Read **Matthew 28:20**, then read **Matthew 10:7-8 (p. 1035)**. According to **Matthew 10:7-8**, what things did Jesus command His disciples to do in this passage?
9. According to **Matthew 28:20**, do you think Jesus wanted His disciples to teach new disciples these same things? Why?
10. Read **John 14:12 (p. 1146)**. How does this support the idea that Jesus wanted His disciples to teach new disciples exactly what He commanded His disciples in **Matthew 10:7-8**?
11. Do you believe we are called to walk in the same power and authority as Jesus and His disciples?
12. If Jesus told us we were meant to live just like He lived, why are we so reluctant to transform belief into action?
13. How does the last sentence in **Matthew 28:20** combined with **Matthew 28:18** give His disciples (and us) everything we need to carry out His commands?

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