

## **This Month's D-group Focus: The Great Commission**

This month we've been walking through the events leading up to Jesus Christ's death and resurrection through a sermon and small group series called "Instead of Me." This week, in Discipleship Group, we will look at Jesus' final words to the disciples in Matthew's gospel.

Evangelism and discipleship are key components of the Christian life. In fact, every believer has benefitted from someone else's faithfulness in at least one of these areas to bring us to where we are today. As we seek to help one another grow as disciples, we can help each other take a deep look at our engagement in evangelism and discipleship. Leaders, this week help your group to not feel ashamed, embarrassed, arrogant, or prideful as they share their past efforts to make disciples. We've all failed at some point, and, hopefully, we've all seen some fruit, however small, from the Holy Spirit in our efforts as well. This is not a time to brag or bemoan our past but to bear one another's failures and encourage each other in the gospel as we seek to disciple one another and reach our communities with the gospel.

Start your time in prayer. Then talk through the key points of Matthew 28:16-20. Next, work through the D-group questions for this month. End with prayer for specific people you will engage with the gospel over the next few weeks.

You will be guided to ask these three questions after reading the passage below.

1. What am I experiencing? (emotions, events, and relationships)
2. Why am I experiencing this? (circumstances, empathy, and sin)
3. How should I respond? (repentance and reconciliation)

### **Matthew 28:16-20:**

"The eleven disciples traveled to Galilee, to the mountain where Jesus had directed them. When they saw him, they worshiped, but some doubted. Jesus came near and said to them, 'All authority has been given to me in heaven and on earth. 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 everything I have commanded you. And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age'" (CSB).

**1) What am I experiencing? (emotions, events, and relationships)**

A. What thoughts and emotions come to mind when you think about personal evangelism and obeying the Great Commission?

B. Who are you currently sharing the gospel with or discipling? How is it going?

**2) Why am I experiencing this? (circumstances, empathy, and sin)**

A. Find a passage or two in the Bible that engages with the thoughts and emotions you experience when you think about evangelism and discipleship. Is your engagement in evangelism and discipleship characterized more by faith or doubt?

B. What in your life prevents you from engaging in evangelism and discipleship the way you would like to?

**3) How should I respond? (repentance and reconciliation)**

A. How do you need to repent when it comes to your past efforts in evangelism and discipleship?

B. How should your group respond to the Great Commission together?

**Prayer**

Pray specifically for people you know who don't yet know Christ as Lord and Savior.

- Pray by name for friends and coworkers that don't know Christ.
- Pray by name for family members and children that don't know Christ.
- Pray for the many guests who will hear the gospel over Easter weekend at the Summit.