

Part 1, Chapter 2 – The Command to Make Disciples

This week we will look at Jesus' command to make disciples. We want you to get the most out of your personal study, so please do not read *Multiply* until you are asked to do so. In this way, you will see the truths from the Scriptures and have them well established in your heart and mind as you consider what Chan is saying.

Day One:

Read and observe **Matthew 28:1-20**. Keep in mind the big question, "What does it say?" (Not "What does it mean?" or "What do I think about this?" That will come after we have a firm grip on the content of the text.)

Hints: Remember to pray asking the Holy Spirit to teach you. Read the verses in context, i.e. read all of Matthew 28 several times before concentrating on a particular passage. Use extra paper as desired.

- 1) Ask/Answer Who, What, Where, When, Why and How (5 W's & H) –
Who is the passage talking about? Who are the significant characters?
What is going on in the passage?
Where are they?
When is this happening? What significant event has just taken place?
Why? Is a reason given?
How are they to fulfill the command?

Add your own questions! The more questions you ask, the more you will observe and learn from the passage through the Holy Spirit's teaching. Don't cheat yourself by rushing through this. S...l...o...w d...o...w...n!

- 2) Mark "*Jesus*" with a cross (†) and any pronouns or synonyms (other words/names used for Jesus).
- 3) List what you learn about Jesus from the passage. I.e. Who is He? How is He introduced? How do people respond to Him?

- 4) Underline “*disciples*” and any pronouns or synonyms for them. List what you learn from the chapter.

Day Two:

Today we are going to look specifically at Jesus’ final command to His disciples.

Read/Observe **Matthew 28:16-20** (NASB) printed below:

- 16 But the eleven disciples proceeded to Galilee, to the mountain which Jesus had designated.
- 17 When they saw Him, they worshiped *Him*; but some were doubtful.
- 18 And Jesus came up and spoke to them, saying, “All authority has been given to Me in heaven and on earth.
- 19 “Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit,
- 20 teaching them to observe all that I commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age.”

- 1) Mark “*Jesus*” with a cross (†) and any pronouns or synonyms (*Him, Me, Son, I*). List what you learn from each mark. What does the disciples’ response to Jesus tell you about who He is?

2) Underline “*eleven disciples*” and pronouns (*they, some, them, you*). Where were the disciples? Why did they go there? What happened when they saw Jesus? How did they feel? (**Do not** use your imagination here. Just observe the biblical text and answer “What does it say?”)

3) Circle the word “*all*” including “*always*,” which literally means “all the days.”

List below what you learn from marking “*all*.”

a. _____

b. _____

c. _____

d. _____

4) What does Jesus say about Himself in verse 18?

5) From that statement, what does Jesus command His disciples (followers of Jesus) to do “*as they are going*”? **Note:** The word “*Go*” in v. 19 is in a verb tense that means “as you are going” or “having gone.”

a.

b.

c.

- 6) What is the scope of Jesus' command? Who is to be discipled? What are they to be taught in v. 20? Does this include Jesus' command in v. 19?

- 7) Who is to do this? Is it the responsibility of all disciples (followers of Jesus) to go and make new disciples? How do you know from this passage? Are you making disciples? Why or why not?

- 8) How does Jesus end His command? Given the context of all of Mat. 28 what do you think this meant to His disciples? Would it change the way they felt about Him in verse 17? What does it mean for your life as you seek to "observe all that [Jesus] commanded you?" Be specific.

Read *p. 27-30* from **multiply**, then answer questions 1 & 2 from your book in the space below:

Day Three:

Jesus Has All Authority. Matthew 28:18b - “*All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to Me.*” Jesus stated this as a fact. What does He mean “all authority?” Authority over what? Over whom? Today we want to search the scriptures to see what light they can shed on Jesus’ authority.

Hint: Remember to read the noted passages in their context, observing the verses/events that are before and after the specified verses. Also note who is the author’s intended audience? (E.g. Paul writing to believers in the Church of Philippi) Continue to use your good observation skills – asking the 5 Ws & H.

- 1) What/Who does Jesus have authority over? How did Jesus get this authority? How does He exercise/demonstrate His authority? What is His motive?
 - a. **Matthew 7:28-29**

 - b. **Matthew 8:23-27**

 - c. **Matthew 9:1-8; Mark 2:10; Luke 5:24**

 - d. **Matthew 10:1; Mark 3:14-15** – Note what Jesus does with His authority

 - e. **John 5:26-30** – Note Jesus’ motive

 - f. **John 10:17-18**

g. **John 10:27-30**

h. **Ephesians 1:19b-23** – Note when the text is speaking of God the Father and when it is speaking of Christ. Refer to the preceding context for clarity.

i. **Philippians 2:9-11**

j. **Hebrews 1:1-4** – What did God do through Jesus? How is Jesus described in verse 3? In verse 4?

k. **Revelation 1:5, 17b-18**

2) Summarize your conclusions about Jesus' authority. Is there anything or anyone not under His authority? Why?

3) How should we respond to what we have learned? Does Jesus have authority over you? In every area of your life? Conclude your time today in prayer and reflection before the Lord. Ask Him to show you any areas that you have held back. Confess this knowing that He will forgive you (1 John 1:9) and ask Him to help you to follow Him in every area as His disciple. You will never regret it.

Day Four:

What is Baptism? In Matthew 28:19 Jesus tells His disciples, “Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit...” Today we are going to look at baptism.

Read “Baptism” - ~~GCCC~~’s information guide. You will find a link to a downloadable version of it online.

As you read through the guide, take time to look up the scriptures in your own bible and prayerfully observe the passages asking the 5 W’s & H. Ask the Lord to show you His purposes for baptism.

Answer the following questions from your reading.

1) What does the word “*baptism*” mean?

2) Why should you be baptized?

3) What does baptism symbolize?

4) How does baptism mark the death of the old life and the start of the new life?

5) Who should be baptized?

6) When should you be baptized?

7) How are you to be baptized?

Read *p.31-33*, from **multiply** then answer questions 3 & 4 from your book in the space below:

Day Five:

Equipped to Do the Work of Ministry. Read and observe **Ephesians 4:11-16**. Pray. Ask/Answer the 5 Ws and H. Add your own questions!

- 1) Who is giving the “*jobs*” to whom? **Hint:** You need to look at the earlier context in verse 7.

- 2) What “*jobs*” are given? List them.

- 3) What are the purposes of the “*jobs*?” List them.

- 4) Are there any contrasts or comparisons? (I.e. children/mature, deceitful scheming/truth)

- 5) What illustration does Paul use for how believers relate to Christ?

- 6) What is the condition of the children in Paul’s description? How do we escape that?

- 7) What is maturity according to this passage? Remember, “What does it say?”

Let's look at the following cross-references (other similar passages) to see what we learn about maturing in Christ. What are the attributes of infants? Of grown up or mature believers?

1) 1 Corinthians 3:1-4

2) Hebrews 5:11-6:1

3) 1 Peter 2:1-5

What is Jesus' plan for getting believers to maturity? Hint: Matthew 28:18-20

Read *p. 34-38* from **multiply**, then answer questions 5 through 8 from your book in the space below: