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We are made to know Christ, and knowing Him compels us to make Him known. We are made disciples to make disciples.

Acts 1:8



Fed by Truth. Formed Together. Fueled for Mission.

A SERMON SERIES ON DISCIPLESHIP THAT GROWS

Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly, teaching and admonishing one another in all wisdom, singing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, with thankfulness in your hearts to God.

- COLOSSIANS 3:16

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Made for More

Matthew 28:16-20

SERMON NOTES

Formed for What?

- Before Jesus sends His disciples, He first gathers them into His presence.
- Being with Christ precedes our witness for Christ.
- They worship, but they also waver. Their usefulness depends not upon their strength or confidence, but upon Christ's authority and presence.

The Universal Authority of Jesus – v. 18

- Jesus' claim precedes Jesus' command.
“All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me.”
- The church does not make Jesus Lord; we announce and embody the reality that Jesus already is Lord.

The Essential Calling of Every Christian – vv. 19-20a

Disciple-making is not a specialized assignment. It is woven into Christian discipleship.

1. MANDATE — “Make disciples”
A disciple belongs to, learns from, follows, and increasingly becomes like Christ.
Conversion is not the end of disciple-making; it is the beginning.
2. SCOPE — “All nations”
All Authority → All Nations
No people lies outside Christ's mission because no people lies outside His authority.
3. MEANS — “Going, baptizing, teaching”
Go — Move toward others with the gospel.
Baptize — Bring disciples into a new identity and community in Christ.
Teach — Aim beyond information toward formation and obedience.
4. EFFECT — “Obedient, Christ-formed lives”
We do not work for the salvation Christ gives; we work from it.
We work out what He has worked in.

Formed disciples become disciple-makers.

The Continuing Presence of Jesus – v. 20b

- The Great Commission, rooted in Christ's authority, is assured by Christ's presence.
“God with us” → “I am with you always.”
- Disciples are not sent away from Jesus to accomplish something for Jesus.
They are sent with Jesus into the mission of Jesus.

FIVE MINUTES IN GOD'S WORD

A Seven-Day Bible Reading Plan

Five minutes. One passage. With God.

- **Monday: Abide Before You Go**

Read: John 15:1-8

Reflect: Why must abiding in Christ remain the source of everything I attempt to do for Christ?

- **Tuesday: With Jesus, Then Sent**

Read: Acts 4:5-20

Reflect: What evidence might others see in my life that I have been with Jesus, and how is knowing Him shaping what I make known about Him?

- **Wednesday: Ambassadors for Christ**

Read: 2 Corinthians 5:14-21

Reflect: How does seeing myself as Christ's ambassador change the way I approach the people God has placed around me?

- **Thursday: A New Life and Identity**

Read: Romans 6:1-11

Reflect: How should belonging to Christ reshape both my identity and the way I live among His people?

- **Friday: Moving Toward Others**

Read: 1 Corinthians 9:19-23

Reflect: What barrier of comfort, habit, difference, or relationship might I need to cross in order to move toward someone else with the gospel?

- **Saturday: Disciples Who Make Disciples**

Read: 2 Timothy 2:1-7

Reflect: Who has helped form me as a disciple of Jesus, and into whose life might God be calling me to invest what I have received?

- **Sunday: Seek First the Kingdom**

Read: Matthew 6:19-34

Reflect: If I truly seek first God's Kingdom and His righteousness, what might need to change about what I treasure, pursue, or worry about?