



# BIBLE STUDY OUTLINE





## **The Great Commission- Discipleship**

**Christianity is more than church attendance; it's about discipleship- BECOMING like Christ Jesus. In science, for a grain of wheat to produce many seeds that can be planted and grown into numerous seed-bearing trees, it must first fall to the ground and die. However, if it does not die, it remains just a single seed.**



## **The Great Commission- Discipleship**

**Jesus died on the cross and resurrected to produce more sons for the Father. He left us with His word, the ministry of reconciliation and the Holy Spirit.**

**In Matthew 28:19-20, Jesus gives an instruction which is known as the GREAT COMMISSION. Prior to this, He asserted that "ALL AUTHORITY" has been given to ME in heaven and on earth"**



## **Imagine this: (A conversation between Jesus and a centurion)**

**A centurion wanted Jesus to heal his servant. Jesus told him “I will come and heal him” and his response to Jesus was: “...Only speak a word and my servant will be healed.”**

**He said this based on the premise that he was a man UNDER AUTHORITY, with soldiers under him. He says to one, “GO” and he goes... (Matthew 8:6–9). Jesus spoke a word and the centurion’s servant was healed. This man understood authority.**



## **Imagine this: (A conversation between Jesus and a centurion)**

**Back to Matthew 28:19-20, this Jesus has ALL AUTHORITY given to him not just in heaven but on earth. This is the description of the person who gave his disciples the great commission. The great commission is a mandate to every believer/ disciple.**



**Let's break down the theme scripture:  
Matthew 28:18-20,**

**<sup>18</sup> And Jesus came and spoke to them, saying, "All authority has been given to Me in heaven and on earth. <sup>19</sup> Go [c]therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, <sup>20</sup> teaching them to observe all things that I have commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age."**



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Matthew 28:18-20,**

**A) GO - It means to go, to travel, to journey**

**B) MAKE DISCIPLES OF ALL NATIONS – It means helping someone to PROGRESSIVELY learn the word of God to BECOME matured growing disciples of Jesus Christ in BELIEF and PRACTICE. It also means to teach and train people to follow and obey God. A disciple in this context is a follower of Jesus Christ, the Master.**



## **Imagine this:**

**When Jesus called Peter and Andrew to be His disciples, He told them, "Follow me and I will MAKE YOU fishers of men." They IMMEDIATELY left their nets and followed Jesus.**

**They moved from being professional fishermen to anointed fishers of men lol.**

**Discipleship is about responding and moving from where you are to where God wants you to be. That's why Paul said in 1 Corinthians 11:1, Imitate me as I imitate Christ. In discipleship, Jesus Christ is the standard.**





## **Imagine this:**

**The simplest way to start participating in the fulfillment of this mandate is by impacting the lives of the people closest to you both in proximity and in relation.**

**C) BAPTIZING THEM IN THE NAME OF THE FATHER, THE SON AND THE HOLY SPIRIT- As a disciple, you do not go in your authority but in the authority of the Godhead.**



## **Imagine this:**

- **Baptism of repentance (Mark 1:8, Acts 19:1-7)**

**John baptized with water which signified repentance. That's the first step to becoming a disciple of Christ- Repenting, believing, and accepting Him as your Lord and Personal savior.**

**In Acts 19:1-7, Paul asked some disciples in Ephesus "Did you receive the Holy Spirit when you believed?" ... Then when he laid his hands on them, the Holy Spirit came upon them and they spoke with tongues and prophesied.**



## **Imagine this:**

- **Baptism of the Holy Spirit (1 Corinthians 12:13, Acts 2:1-4, Romans 8:16-18)**

**When we become saved, we are baptized by the Spirit into one Body (the body of Christ- His bride). The Holy Spirit bears witness with our spirit that we are children of God. He is the proof that we belong to Jesus just as a married man/ woman has a ring to signify that he/she is married.**



**GOING, BAPTIZING and TEACHING are the means by which we fulfill the command to make disciples.**

**In Mark's account of how Jesus appointed the 12 apostles, he stated a profound habit of a disciple. Mark 3:14 - Then He appointed twelve, [d]that they might BE WITH HIM and that He might send them out to preach, 15 and to have [e]power [f]to heal sicknesses and to cast out demons.**



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**Before the assignment, the disciples had to learn how to be with the master. That's why though they were uneducated and untrained they did not have to tell people they had been with Jesus. It showed and people realized that they had been with Jesus. (Acts 4:13, Acts 11:26)**



## **Reflect:**

**As an educated person reading this, imagine the things God can do with you and through your life when you spend time beholding Him through the scriptures. It is in beholding that you become like Jesus.**

**What are you constantly beholding?**



## **D) LO, I AM WITH YOU EVEN TO THE END OF THE AGE.**

**What a loving God we have. He never sends us on an assignment without being with us. As you obey God, be conscious of His presence in and with you. He is with us through the scriptures and the Holy Spirit.**

**The great commission is enabled by the Holy Spirit. You are to be his witness (Acts 1:8) fulfilling the great commission in:**

- Your city (Jerusalem)**
- Your state/ region and country (Judea and Samaria)**
- Anywhere God sends you (to the ends of the earth)**



## **Call to action:**

**“We are to live as those who live in the world but are not absorbed by it, for the world as we know it is quickly passing away.”**

**1 Corinthians 7:31 TPT.**

- **Create a specific time for studying God’s word daily. You can start from 30 minutes daily and as you constantly do it, you will find yourself spending hours despite your busy schedule.**
- **Create a specific time for praying.**  
**You can also take advantage of prayer walks, the periods when you are driving or commuting from one place to the other.**





## **Call to action:**

- **Set reminders on your phone to fellowship with the Holy Spirit**

**Eg. Set a reminder at 9am to remind you to tell the Holy Spirit, "I love you Holy Spirit, teach me how to fellowship with you"**

- **Set reminders to meditate on scriptures**

**This is time to just pause what you are doing just to think on a specific verse or scripture.**



## **Further study on the ACTS of the apostles/disciples in the bible**

- **Acts 1-7 ( Jerusalem is evangelized).**
- **Acts 8 – 12 ( The Holy Spirit expands the church through Judea and Samaria).**
- **Acts 13 – 28 ( The gospel reaches the ends of the earth).**