

“Equip Disciple-Makers”

New Day Church

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Matthew 28:18-20

Use this guide as a tool to help you prepare to experience spiritual transformation in a practical way. It is a flexible guide that will help you discover, own, and apply the truths of God’s Word.

Message Summary

The G.O.S.P.E.L. Plan is how New Day Church responds to the Gospel message in everyday life. As we gather to express our faith in worship and confess our hope in community, we will scatter to demonstrate love to the world. The G.O.S.P.E.L. Plan is how we will “show & share” the Gospel in the world throughout everyday life and on mission to the ends of the earth.

One key component of showing and sharing the Gospel is to raise up people who will do this very thing. We call this process Equipping Disciple-Makers. This week we were reminded of the Great Commission that Jesus gave His disciples just before He ascended back to the Father. Jesus wanted His disciples to raise up disciples just as He did with them. He wanted them to make more disciples who would not only identify with Jesus but obey His commands. The heart of this discipleship process is to raise up disciples who will make more disciples.

But what does it mean to make disciples? We learned some things that discipleship is NOT and some things that makes for good disciple-making. We learned that making disciples is a process and not something that’s automatic. Further, success in disciple-making doesn’t rest on how much we know about God’s word but revolves around developing disciples in community and leading them toward obedience to Jesus and His word.

Are you personally involved in being equipped as a disciple of Jesus? Are you currently equipping others to obey Jesus? Are you and your community of faith increasingly submitting all of life to the empowering presence and lordship of Jesus? This is discipleship. And we are involved in equipping disciple-makers!

Message Outline

1. Disciples are not born...The are made (equipped).
2. We are all Disciple Makers.
 - To be effective disciple makers, we must be intentional and deliberate
 - Myths about discipleship:
 - Spiritual growth is automatic once you are saved.
 - Spiritual growth is mystical and only achieved by a few.
 - Spiritual maturity is measured by what you know.
 - Spiritual growth is a personal and private matter.
 - All you need is the Bible to grow.
 - Success of the church is NOT...Programs...Possessing Money...Having Grand Buildings...It IS connecting with people. It IS positively impacting the community and world.
 - We can’t teach others to be obedient if we aren’t obedient ourselves.
3. The need for disciple-makers is urgent!

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Group Discussion

Use the following questions to help make application of God’s Word to your Head (What God wants me to know), to your Heart (What God wants me to desire/value), and to your Hands (What God wants me to do).

In regard to Matthew 28:18-20:

1. What does this passage teach about God? (God’s Identity; Theology)
2. What does this passage teach about what God has done? (God’s Action; Christology)
3. What does this passage teach about man/me? (Old & New Creation Identity; Ecclesiology)
4. What does this passage teach about what I should do? (Reveals what I really believe about Questions 1-3; Missional Ecclesiology)
5. What does this passage teach about how I do it uniquely in my context? (personal action steps of obedience)

Weekly Prayer Focus

- **Church:**
 - Pray that all who have believed the Gospel will obey Jesus in believer’s baptism.
 - Pray for new relationships that will lead to Gospel conversations.
 - Pray for the elders as they lead us to accomplish the mission.
 - Pray for the Missional Communities to impact their communities with the Gospel.
 - Pray for Missional Communities to multiply into new neighborhoods.
 - Pray for new DNA groups to start.
- **Local:**
 - Pray that God would burden us with the lostness in our cities, neighborhoods, and at work.
 - Pray that God will identify 5 people you can begin to invest in and engage with the Gospel.
- **Global:**
 - Pray that God would give you a heart for the nations.
 - Pray for the team working in SEA, the new believers, for those who have heard the Gospel, and the church planting movement among the unreached.
 - Pray for Good Shepherd Ministries and Bill & Sandy Younger.
 - Pray for Servants Hearts Ministries and Bob & Georgette Kornegay.
 - Pray for Pastor Abraham and his church in Guatemala.
 - Pray for the work of Paul & Sarah Young and Dakota Baptist Church in North Dakota.