

DO WHAT?

**Matthew 28:18-20**  
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 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." (NASB)

Before He departed from His disciples, Jesus gave them these practical directives for HIS Church. This was the Great Commission. The growth of the body is dependent upon every part effectively working. If this is to occur, then discipleship is not an option but a priority.



"The church is the one institution that exists for those who are not its members." *William Temple*

**DEFINITION:** A disciple is a Christian who is growing in conformity to Christ, is achieving fruit in evangelism, and is working in follow-up to conserve his fruit.

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1. The main action of Matthew 28:18-20 centers on which of the following?
  - \_ a. Going (Participle)
  - \_ b. Baptizing (Participle)
  - \_ c. Teaching (Participle)
  - \_ d. Make disciples (Main Verb)
  
2. When Jesus commanded His followers to "make disciples," what was He asking them to make? The Greek word for disciple—*mathetes*—means learner, pupil, someone who learns by following. The word implies an intellectual process that directly affects the lifestyle of a person. It is used in the New Testament primarily of "the twelve." Whatever making a disciple means, Jesus himself did it. Whatever a disciple is, the twelve were.
  
3. What three aspects of discipling does our text mandate? It commands us to make disciples by going to them (Mk. 16:18), baptizing them and teaching them.
  
4. Of these three, which is most important? Why?
  
5. Which attitude best describes what we ought to be? Why?
  - a. We are an audience that needs to be entertained.
  - b. We are an army that needs to be trained.
  - c. We are a fortress that must resist the world.
  - d. Other \_\_\_\_\_

"If you remain in me and my words remain in you, ask whatever you wish, and it will be given you. This is my Father's glory, that you bear much fruit, showing yourselves to be my disciples" (John 15:7-8).

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6. Read John 15:7-8. What four characteristics does this passage and our Matthew passage use to describe a disciple?
  1. He remains
  2. He obeys (Jn. 14:21)
  3. He glorifies Father
  4. He is fruitful
7. In Matthew 28:20, Jesus instructs disciples to teach disciples to observe His commandments. Name four commandments Jesus gave us.
8. Have you ever taught anyone these commandments? Do you follow these commandments?

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**DEFINITION:** A person becomes a disciple when he becomes stabilized in the faith, has an ongoing commitment to the lordship of Christ, and has developed the basic disciplines of Christian living and service so that the lifelong maturing process is underway.

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9. What is one good sign that the discipling process is being effective? (See Luke 6:40.)
10. Who is responsible for fulfilling Matthew 28:18-20?
  - \_ a. Missionaries
  - \_ b. Pastors
  - \_ c. Evangelists
  - \_ d. Others \_\_\_\_\_

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**DEFINITION:** A discipler is a Christian who is committed to the lordship of Jesus, has developed the disciplines of Christian living and service, has evangelized someone and is helping that person develop in their Christian life.

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11. Name one person you are presently discipling.
12. Name someone you are praying to reach with the Gospel.



WHAT WOULD HAPPEN TO THE CHURCH IF SHE PLACED AS MUCH EMPHASIS ON FULFILLING MATTHEW 28:18-20 AS JESUS DID?