

# THE GREAT COMMISSION

Matthew 28:16-20

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The questions below are designed to be used by Saylorville Church Community Groups as they meet during the week following the Sunday morning message at Saylorville. The intent is not for groups to answer every question, but for leaders to use the questions as a guide as they tailor the discussion to the unique needs of their group. The Sunday message and these questions can be found each week at [www.saylorvillechurch.com/sermons](http://www.saylorvillechurch.com/sermons).

## CONNECT WITH YOUR GROUP (10-15 MINUTES)

- What are some of your favorite passages in the Bible? Why do you think you love that passage so much?
- How has your favorite passage helped you become more like Jesus, and help others do the same?

## APPLY THE BIBLE (45-60 MINUTES)

- **Remember** what you talked about last time. Is there anything you need to **follow up** on this week?
- **Review** your Sermon Notes together. What is **one thing** that sticks out to you about what you learned?
- **Read** this week's passage together. In his message, **Pastor Pat shared five ways that the church makes disciples.**

### How Does The Church Make Disciples:

#### 1. **By relying on the power of Jesus (Matthew 28:16-18)**

- Jesus had "all authority in heaven and earth." What are some stories from Scripture that remind you how much power Jesus has?
- Are you ever fearful when you feel God nudging you to talk to someone about your faith? How might it change the way you think about your Christian life - evangelism, disciple-making, overcoming temptation, loving someone difficult, being wise in an unwise culture, etc - knowing that you can rely on the power of Christ?

#### 2. **By going with the compassion of Jesus (Matthew 9:36-38; 28:19-20)**

- Respond to this statement: *Disciple-making isn't a spiritual gift that is only given to SOME believers; it is a command given to ALL believers!*
- Think about your weekly routine and the people you interact with - who are some people in your home, in your neighborhood, at your job, etc.? How might you have the compassion of Jesus on those people this week?
- Making disciples means living on mission across the street or across the world. There are over 6,000 people groups in the world who have never heard the gospel. What can you do to reach them?

#### 3. **By baptizing those who trust in Jesus (Matthew 28:19)**

- If you have a personal relationship with Jesus, and you haven't been baptized, why not? If it is because of fear or nervousness, how might #1 above (the power of Jesus) give you boldness to obey?
- Why do you think Saylorville Church asks those getting baptized to share their testimony publicly right before their baptism? Do you remember any testimonies that were especially meaningful to you? Why?

#### 4. **By teaching disciples to obey Jesus (Matthew 28:20a)**

- A New Testament *disciple* was essentially someone who followed someone else in order to become more like them. Knowing this background, would you consider yourself to be a true disciple of Jesus? Why or why not?
- Disciples follow the Jesus way, by valuing the *gospel, obedience, worship, mission, generosity, service and community*. Which of those values might you need to focus on a little more this week?

#### 5. **By resting in the presence of Jesus (Matthew 28:20)**

- Matthew 28:20 reminds us that when time as we know it comes to an end, Jesus will still be there. How should that truth give you rest right now during your stresses, anxieties, struggles and burdens?

***The last command of Jesus must become the first priority of the church. - HB Charles***

## PRAY TOGETHER (5-15 MINUTES)

- How will you make disciples this week? Ask God to show you, and to give you boldness to do so!

