

# THE GREAT COMMISSION

Matthew 28:19-20

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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).

## WANT TO GET TO KNOW OUR MISSIONARIES BETTER?

- Get to know our missionaries by seeing pictures, bios, and more information [on our website here](#).
- To learn how to pray for some of our world's unreached people groups, check out the [Joshua Project](#).

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

- What was your favorite part of the Missions Conference? What did you learn about our missionaries? What were some areas in which you were encouraged and/or challenged?

## 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, **Lucas Bair (Missionary to Porto Alegre, Brazil) unpacked the Great Commission for us.**

## Make Disciples By...:

### 1. **Baptizing People (Matthew 28:19)**

- "Baptism" in this passage is short-hand for the whole process of evangelism and conversion. Can you find passages in the Book of Acts (or other New Testament books) that help us understand how the early church viewed baptism?
- At Saylorville, those who are getting baptized share their salvation testimony publicly. Why do you think we do it this way?
- Have you personally been baptized as a genuine Believer? Why or why not?

### 2. **Teaching People (Matthew 28:20)**

- What are you learning about God from His Word this week. Be specific.
- Who is someone that you are teaching about God or His Word right now?

### 3. **Teaching People to Obey (Matthew 28:20)**

- To "observe" means to obey. A disciple isn't simply defined by what he/she knows but by what he/she does. What was the last command that you read in the Bible that you intentionally obeyed?
- Lucas said, "For many of us, our learning has greatly out-paced our obedience." What's your reaction to that statement?
- Be honest, in your own life, do you need more knowledge or more obedience?

### 4. **Going (Matthew 28:19)**

- Who are some people that you "go" to every week? What would change if you really believed that Jesus called you to go and make disciples of the people you interact with regularly?
- Have you ever considered that God may be asking you to go somewhere away from home to make disciples (sometimes we call these people "missionaries")?

***What will you do this week because of what you learned in this passage?***

## PRAY TOGETHER (5-15 MINUTES)

- Pray that your group would make and be disciples in their own life, in their home, church, and world..

