



WEEK 9 - THOUGHTS FROM THE MESSAGE

- Read Matthew 28 (below) as we talk about the Great Commission and making disciples.

Matthew 28 - (p. 295-296)

16 Then the eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain where Jesus had told them to go. 17 When they saw him, they worshiped him; but some doubted. 18 Then Jesus came to them and said, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. 19 Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, 20 and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age."

- Matthew uses the word "authority" throughout his gospel - most of which is about Jesus or the power that Jesus gives to the disciples. Many today are plagued with insecurity and doubt. Does Jesus' power and authority make you more confident as a Christ follower? How does His power and authority transfer into the same in your life?
- Think back on your own story of coming to Christ and becoming a disciple. Who was it that answered the call to "go and make disciplines" - the person that brought you to Jesus and helped you come to know Christ?

A disciple chooses to love

A disciple is a student

A disciple obeys

- From the message this weekend, Luis gave the previous three statements about the marks of a disciple. Which of the three statements was/is most convicting to you, that you sense God wants to work on in your life?
- Take a minute as a Life Group and be silent. Ask the Lord to lay on your heart someone in your life that He wants you to pray for and reach out to in order to "go and make disciples." After that time, share with your group who God has laid on your heart. How will you pray for them, reach out to them, and over time introduce them to Jesus?



QUESTIONS FROM WEEKDAY READING (pgs 280 - 303)

WEEKLY QUESTIONS:

1. *What's something you noticed for the first time?*
2. *What questions did you have?*
3. *Was there anything that bothered you?*
4. *What did you learn about loving God?*
5. *What did you learn about loving others?*

Biblical Conflict Resolution | (p. 282)

- In week 3, we read about the conflict between Paul and Barnabas (p. 84). In what ways is this similar to how Jesus tells us to handle conflict? How is it different?
- Talk about the order of addressing someone who has sinned (i.e. in person, then with someone else, then with the church). Is this your natural order of conflict resolution? If not, what is your default reaction when someone has wronged you?
- Notice that Jesus says that if they haven't listened after the one-on-one, after the small group, or even after the church addresses the sin, then we are to treat them as the tax collector or pagan. How did Jesus treat the pagans and tax collectors? Does this treatment mean dissociation or loving/treating the person differently?

Pharisaic Leadership | (p. 290-291)

- Jesus uses strong language and analogies to describe the lives of the Pharisees on pages 290-291. Which metaphor is most poignant and powerful to you?
- Do you see Pharisaic leadership among Christians today? If so, how?
- The word hypocrite means, "actor" or "pretender," as one who takes the stage, puts on a costume, and plays a role that isn't their real identity. Most people have pretended at some point in their lives. Share with your group of a time and situation where you played the part and hid feelings, sin, struggle, and/or burdens from others.
- Fighting the temptation to hide like a hypocrite takes vulnerability, transparency, and authenticity. How are you becoming (or, how will you choose to be) vulnerable and authentic as a Christ-follower?