

Week 5 | Disciples...Be One: Make One Discussion Guide

How to Use This Discussion Guide

• Use the questions in each section below as a springboard for discussion. Do not feel like you have to follow the study guide religiously or hit every question. Sometimes you will only need 1 or 2 questions in a section. These questions are designed to help spark discussion. Refer to them as needed. Your goal is to get to the Application Questions. We want to make sure we are responding to the truths of God for us.



BACKGROUND FOR THE LEADER: Thank you for helping connect people in Authentic Relationships!

Today's passages from Matthew 28:18-20 is one of the most well-known and oft-cited or quoted passages in churches. Based on the statistics that we have been sharing during this series (more than half of everyone you come see around Topeka does not have a church home - more than 90K people); it's clear that it - It is often one of the least obeyed or completed. However, even though past experience or challenges have occurred, it does not lessen the command given by Jesus to His Church, or the promises that He has given to us for this mission.

His salvation for all who would believe. His Spirit and the spiritual gifts He gives all followers of Jesus. His Word to continue to help us grow and teach others. His presence to be with us to the end of the age. His Church that we get to partner with, love one, and be loved by.

As you discuss today's topic: make sure you leave most of the time to walk through the application questions and any questions or doubts that your group members may have. We want to make sure that everyone understands Jesus' mission for us, but also has the confidence to follow through on it.

We don't just want knowledge, but application. Not just information, but transformation. Not just an increase in intelligence, but an increase in life-change and lives changed for Jesus.

Make sure that people realize that we are all making disciples all the time - through sharing recipes, videos, car updates, hobby information, apparel trends and tricks, life-hacks and so forth. Everyone shares, teaches, influences, and leads people to something: we just want everyone to realize that Jesus has commanded, called, equipped, and empowered us to make disciples for Him. To share Jesus as much as we share life hacks and recipes. Actually, Jesus is the greatest help anyone can have. Better than any and every life-hack; even better than the greatest chocolate recipes.

Let's make disciples. Each of us. One more.

One Church. One Vision.
One Lord. One Savior. One God.
One Mission.
Disciple: Be One. Make One.

Connection

1. When has someone taught you a valuable lesson or skill that you still use today? How did they teach you?
2. How were you trained to do your current job; hobby; sport; or favorite pastime?
3. What helps you feel confident about Jesus and His words?

Engage God's Word - [Read Matthew 28:18-20](#) as a group.

Discussion:

1. What are your first reactions when you read these verses? Why?
 2. What does it mean to recognize Jesus' authority in our lives?
 3. What 4 steps are there in the process that Jesus gives us for His mission for us (the Great Commission)?
 4. Which of these steps in the process do you find more difficult or intimidating? Why?
 5. How have you benefited from the process in the past? Who helped you?
 6. How are you currently helping others on their 4 steps in the process?
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Application Questions:

1. Have you been relying on Jesus' authority and ability or your own abilities in your efforts to make disciples? (Rank where you think you are at: 1 = Relying on you; 10 = Relying on Jesus)
2. What steps can you take to lean more on Jesus' authority and abilities?
3. What are different ways that you can obey Jesus and contribute to His Mission for us?
4. How confident do you feel in your ability to make disciples?
5. What are different ways that we, as a group, can obey Jesus and contribute to making disciples?



6. Dave shared Sunday that part of our calling from Jesus is to make disciples. To Be One and Make One. It's the great commission. How are you doing at making disciples? Who are you currently discipling personally (helping know, think, act, and love like Jesus)?

7. When have fears kept you from owning your mission to make disciples? What specific steps can you take to overcome these fears and follow Jesus in obedience?

Pray for It and Apply It:

- Take some time to pray for confidence, conviction, connections, and compassion to complete the commission and commands of Christ Jesus.
- Who can your group invite to join your small group? Or help them connect (or create) to another small group? (If this happens, please let pastor Doug know: groups@northland.cc)