

# Sermon Summary 04/12/15

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Matthew 28:16-20 – “Making Disciples: the Mission of Every Christian in All of Life” by Drew Hunter

In Short: If you are a follower of Christ, your main task is to make more disciples by the power of the Holy Spirit.

## Sunday's Outline

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1. The Reason for Making Disciples (v.16-19) – Jesus, the one with all authority in heaven and on earth, has commanded his followers to do so.
2. The Nature of Making Disciples (v.19-20) – It begins with faith and baptism, continues with observing all of Jesus' teaching, and involves every aspect of our life (working, parenting, studying, relating etc.).
3. The Power for Making Disciples (v.20) – Jesus' presence with his followers gives them the power to fulfill this impossible task.

## Quotations

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“Discipleship is helping others submit all of life to the grace and the authority of Jesus.” -Drew Hunter

“Most gospel ministry happens while living everyday life with gospel intentionality.” –*Total Church*, by Tim Chester & Steve Timmis

## Understanding & Application

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- 1) This passage, Matthew 28:18-20, is commonly referred to as the Great Commission. Why is this a fitting name for the last three verses in Matthew? Why do you think God includes this passage in His Word to His people?
- 2) In verses 18-19, Jesus gives his reasoning for why His followers should go and make disciples. What kind of a reaction do you have when you hear this clear command from Jesus? What are the one or two reasons you, like all the rest of us, are hesitant to fulfill this command at times?
- 3) In light of your answer to question #2 above, share with the group what Jesus' words in v.20 do to provide you with reassurance. This might be an ideal time to share with the group some stories of the way God has miraculously saved someone you know (or even share your own testimony of how God saved you!). After hearing several stories of God's mighty power to save you and those you know, whom will you pray for and be *seeking* opportunities to share the truth of the gospel with?
- 4) Drew noted how even after being eye-witnesses to Jesus' life, ministry, and resurrection, there were some that doubted. How does Jesus' response to them (no rebuke, inclusion in the mission to take the gospel to all nations) encourage you in your timidity and fearfulness to go and make disciples? Does doubting disqualify us from the mission?
- 5) Simply put, are you fulfilling the Great Commission? As an individual? As a family? As a small group? As a church?