



Dgroup Discussion Guide for January 29, 2017

THE MAIN THING

Scripture: ***Matthew 28:18-20***

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.”

These were the last words that Jesus gave to us. In this last command given to us by Jesus, He reminds us that He alone has the authority. This is the Mandate. He is the ultimate authority. And because of this authority he gives us the Mission, which is to GO AND MAKE DISCIPLES. We are sent not just to share the good news, but more so, we are to make followers of Jesus of the people to whom we have shared the Gospel with. We are to help them grow to become more like Christ.

How do we know that we are achieving our mission? What is the Measure of our mission? If we are able to OBSERVE ALL His commands. It is not enough to just learn and teach, we have to be able to practice what we are learning. We should be able to walk the talk. If we do this, Jesus makes us a great promise – this is our Motivation. Jesus says that He will be with us until the end. **John 14:21** says ***“Whoever has my commands and keeps them is the one who loves me. The one who loves me will be loved by my Father, and I too will love them and show myself to them.”*** It is only when we observe all that God has commandment that we can truly have experiential knowledge about who Jesus Christ is.

The fulfillment of this command is only possible if we allow ourselves to be a part of a discipleship group. When we take on God’s command and be a witness for God’s transforming power in our lives.

In Exodus 18, we read about Jethro’s visit to Moses. It was during this visit that Moses tells him of what God had done for the Israelites in Egypt and how God has brought them out of slavery. Moses was bearing witness to God’s greatness, telling of the many wonders and miracles that he has experienced in the time since he heeded God’s calling to lead the Israelites.

Here we can see the convincing power of being a witness. Because Jethro, who was a Midianite priest was able to exclaim that the God of Moses is the God of all gods. This is the same task we are given, to become witnesses and testimonies of God’s greatness and grace so that people will see that God is real and that He does changes lives.

During this time, Jethro also counsels Moses regarding their practice of gathering as a whole congregation to hear all the complaints of the Israelites from sunrise to sunset. He commented that this lacked practicality and suggested that he learn to delegate responsibility and authority among a group of leaders.

This is the same scheme that Jesus did when he had chosen the 12 disciples. This is the same system we use today in our dgroups.

Our main purpose in life is in Romans 8:29 ***For those God foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, that he might be the firstborn among many brothers and sisters.*** This is God's will for us. This is our purpose – to be Christlike. It is the result of God's transforming power and sanctification. The result of Christlikeness is a desire to serve God and others.

APPLICATION:

Patiently listen as God reveals where you can apply the passage's lesson in your life. Write down specific action points to what He has revealed to you.

Points to reflect on:

1. How am I obeying God's command in Matthew 28:18-20?
2. Am I obeying/ observing ALL that God commands?
3. Are there still some aspects of my life that I have not surrendered to God?
4. How am I being a witness of God's transforming power to others?
5. Am I being convicted to share the gospel to someone? Who are these people? What is preventing me from sharing the gospel?
6. Do I belong to a discipleship group?
7. Is there a burden in my heart to serve God through His church?

CT Studd once said “ *Only one life, 'twill soon be past, Only what's done for Christ will last.*”

What am I doing for Christ?

PRAYERS:

Lift all the things that you learned back to God. Share your thoughts to Him. If He is impressing a sin in your life, confess it to Him. He is always ready to forgive.