



Dgroup Discussion Guide for August 27, 2017  
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**Scripture: Matthew 28:16-20**

***All authority has been given to Me in heaven and on earth. Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age.***

Who is talking? Jesus Christ. The One who has authority over all in heaven and earth.

What? He is giving us a command – to make disciples of all nations

What is a disciple? A follower of Jesus Christ, someone who has a personal relationship with Jesus Christ as evidence by his willingness to follow the commands of Jesus. We were not commanded to make converts, the command was for us to go and make disciples.

Where? All nations. But where should I start? In family. Every member a disciple, Every family a discipleship group.

Ask yourself: Am I a discipler? Am I being disciplined? Are you discipling your family?

When? When are you going to start? NOW. There is no better time to start than now. We are to teach our children, our disciples to obey all that Jesus has commanded. Jesus Himself modeled this for us. He taught through sermons, He taught through parables, but more importantly He taught by example. And if we obey this command, Jesus has promised that He will be with us always.

How? Deuteronomy 6:6-9 ***These words, which I am commanding you today, shall be on your heart. You shall teach them diligently to your sons and shall talk of them when you sit in your house and when you walk by the way and when you lie down and when you rise up. You shall bind them as a sign on your hand and they shall be as frontals on your forehead. You shall write them on the doorposts of your house and on your gates.***

We have to take the initiative to teach. We have to be proactive. But we have to be diligent, which means to make a constant effort to accomplish effort in something, showing attentiveness and persistence in doing.

Why? Because we want to follow the Great Commission. Deuteronomy 6:1-2 says ***Now this is the commandment, the statutes and the judgments which the Lord your God has commanded me to teach you, that you might do them in the land where you are going over to possess it, so that you and your son and your grandson might fear the Lord your God, to keep all His statutes and His commandments which I command you, all the days of your life, and that your days may be prolonged.***

God always has a good purpose in your life. Don't doubt Him. His instructions are always for our good, not to restrict us but to free us to experience Him fully in our lives.

Paul further writes in Philippians 4:8-9 ***finally, brethren, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is of good repute, if there is any excellence and if anything worthy of praise, dwell on these things. The things you have learned and received and heard and seen in me, practice these things, and the God of peace will be with you.*** Also in Colossians 1:28 ***we proclaim Him admonishing every man and teaching every man with all wisdom, so that we may present every man complete in Christ.*** How else can we improve in our walk if we do not allow ourselves to be held accountable for all that we say and do?

But often times, we do not grow. Why? Hebrews 4:11-14 says **Concerning him we have much to say, and it is hard to explain, since you have become dull of hearing. For though by this time you ought to be teachers, you have need again for someone to teach you the elementary principles of the oracles of God, and you have come to need milk and not solid food. For everyone who partakes only of milk is not accustomed to the word of righteousness, for he is an infant. But solid food is for the mature, who because of practice have their senses trained to discern good and evil.**

Let us not content ourselves with our current spiritual growth level, instead, we should take it upon ourselves to strive to mature in our faith, so progress from merely milk feeding to taking solid food. If we remain stunted in our growth (1 Corinthians 3:1-3), we will continue to be selfish and will continue to live in strife. If we say we are a follower of Jesus Christ, the world should be able to identify us by the life we live. We have to actively practice our faith, so that we can become teachers and disciples.

But even our spiritual growth is possible only through and by the grace of God. (2 Timothy 2:1-2). Paul says in 1 Corinthians 11:1 **Be imitators of me, just as I also am a follower of Christ.** Furthermore, he says in 2 Timothy 4:1-2 **I solemnly charge you in the presence of God and of Christ Jesus, who is to judge the living and the dead, and by His appearing and His kingdom: preach the word; be ready in season and out of season; reprove, rebuke, exhort, with great patience and instruction.**

Finally, we do this because Romans 8:28-29 says **And we know that God causes all things to work together for good to those who love God, to those who are called according to His purpose. For those whom He foreknew, he also predestined to be conformed to the image of His Son, so that He would be the firstborn among many brethren.** Whether we like it or not God will mold us, transform us into a disciple and into a disciple-producing discipler. God will allow us to undergo storms and trials so that we will learn to keep our eyes on Him. So that we will learn to depend on Him. To conform us to the image and likeness of His Son, Jesus Christ.

#### **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.

1. Do we continue to struggle with the Who, What, Where, How, When and Why of the Great Commission?
2. Am I willingly being disciplined?
3. Am I diligently discipling others?
4. Do I continue to struggle with being disciplined? Or discipling others?
5. Have started to live out Philippians 2: 3-8

#### **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.