



## Dgroup Discussion Guide for March 17, 2019 **Let's Be Disciplers**

Scripture: Matthew 28:18-20

***And Jesus came up and spoke to them, saying "All authority has been given to Me in heaven and on earth. Go therefor 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 age.***

The mission and vision of CCF is *To honor God and make Christ Committed Followers (disciplers) who will make Christ Committed Followers (disciplers).*

We have been talking about this for a long time, but the questions that linger are: Are we disciplers? Do we understand the value of being a discipler?

Matthew 4:23 and Matthew 9: 18-38 tell us that wherever Jesus goes there was healing and transformation. The disciples witnessed this because these miracles happened in their presence. This tells us that when we are disciples, we too will become witnesses to Jesus' power of healing and transformation not only in our lives but in the lives of those whom we disciple.

In the Great Commission, Jesus promises us that when we are disciplined and when we make disciples, Jesus will be with us until the end of age. This promise of Jesus' constant presence is ONLY given to disciplers and disciples.

This is the essence of the Great Commission. That we are to go out and share the Gospel of Salvation (baptizing) and transform lives (teaching others to obey all). When we do these then we are assured of God's presence in our life forever. And with God's presence in our life then healing and transformation will follow.

When we are disciplers and disciples who truly follow Jesus Christ then we live Christlike lives having the eyes and the heart of Jesus. This means we will have compassion for the lost. There are a lot of distressed, sleepless and dispirited people all around us and they need to know about God's grace of Salvation and His healing power. But if we are not disciples of Jesus then we will not share in His compassion for the lost.

Our compassion should not end with just sharing the Gospel. It should continue on to teach the lost to OBEY Jesus.

Matthew 9:37 - 38 says ***Then He said to His disciples, "the harvest is plentiful, but the workers are few. Therefore beseech the Lord of the harvest to send out workers into His harvest."***

There are many people who claim to be followers of Jesus and yet the workers are few. . . why is this so? Because although there are many Christians, there are very few disciplers. Disciplers are not merely followers of Christ, they go beyond and above just believing in Jesus. Disciplers are not mere followers but they also live out God's presence in their life by becoming witnesses of God's healing and transforming power in their lives.

There is a whole world out there who are lost. They are depressed, drowning in their own sorrows, unable to cope with expectations. They are lost and no one is showing them the way. If we have the heart of Jesus, then we will have compassion for these people. There are not a lot of Christians who willingly become disciplers who disciple others. But imagine if all Christians were to become disciplers.

Unfortunately, many Christians are content to be students who just keep on learning but not really applying what they are learning, not really modeling to others what it truly means to be a follower of Jesus. Many Christians are not truly Christ-like, it is time that the followers stand up and becoming disciplers. Disciplers truly model obedience to all of the commands of God. And it is in this obedience that they truly practice Christianity. It is then that their influence and impact are felt positively for spread of the Gospel.

But this is not something we can do on our own. Matthew 9:38 tells us to Beseech the Lord of the harvest. Let us then pray and beg God persistently.

Our response then is to stand up and take the challenge.. . to be disciplined and to be a discipler.

Let us choose to be Disciplers so that we can bring the healing and transforming power of Jesus into the lives of our families and those around us. We can start by discipling our families. When we do this, we will then experience God's healing and transforming power first in our lives, then in our family relationship, then to others.

#### DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:

1. How do you understand Matthew 28:18-20?
2. Are you being disciplined? Are you discipling others?
3. What are you doing to be a part of the Great Commission?
4. What commitment are you going to make to intentionally be disciplined and to disciple others?