



His mission/ My mission
"Moving from Wrong Priorities to Right Priorities"
Matthew 28:18-20
April 28, 2019

1. Moving from "Self" authority to "Christ" authority. (Matt. 28:18, 20)
2. Moving from "Self" focus to "Go" focus. (Matt. 28:19)
3. Moving from "Self" mission to "world" mission. (Matt. 28:19)
4. Moving from "Self" needs to "spiritual" needs. (Matt. 28:19)

Application:

1. In which areas do you need a "priority" adjustment? What changes can you make this week to reflect your new priorities?
2. Begin praying for ways to plant seed, reach out to someone with the love of Jesus, share a word of hope, or in other words "make disciples."



Life Group Questions/ Discussion

Main thought from the Study – As we follow the mission of Jesus for our lives and as a church, are we doing what He wants us to do? Have we become distracted? Have we missed the “main thing?”

Introduction Discussion – Have you ever used a tool in the wrong way or for a different purpose than the intended purpose? (A wrench as a hammer, etc.) Good idea or a bad idea? Why or why not?

Reflection from the Message

1. Before Jesus ascended to heaven He clarifies with His disciples the job that was foremost for them to be doing. Read Matthew 28:18-20. What is the main verb in His command to us? There are so many different ideas or things for a church to be doing. Share with one another some possible things churches could be doing that could become a distraction. Who is the final authority on everything that we do? (Matthew 28:18, 16, 20)

2. We need to be “going” according to Matthew 28:19. Dead churches tend to be inward and stagnant. Discuss the following question, “Is the word ‘church’ a noun or a verb?” The “going” for every Christ follower is unique and personal. Share with one another what “going” looks like in your life. (What people are you praying for, reaching out to, serving?) What does it mean “to get out of your comfort zone?”

3. Jesus calls us to all nations. Share how prejudice sneaks into your mindset. How can we see the world as Jesus sees it? (Also read Isaiah 49:6; John 3:16) If anyone in your group has been on a mission trip share the highlights and the lessons learned. Did it change your view of the world?

4. What does it mean to be a disciple of Jesus? How do we “make disciples?” We do not make people believe in Jesus so what does it mean to make disciples? It is easy for churches to focus on attendance or budgets or buildings or programs or whatever makes us happy, but what is the primary measurement of the church according to Jesus?

Digging Deeper

Review the steps for outreach – How do we prepare ourselves?

- Pray! (Colossians 4:2, 4)
- Look for opportunities. (Colossians 4:3)
- Be respectful and gentle. (1 Peter 3:15)
- Trust God to do His work. (1 Corinthians 3:6-7)
- Show love in practical ways. (Matthew 25:35-40)
- Spread the “seeds” of the gospel. (Matthew 13:18-23)

Application:

- Begin holding each other accountable for “making disciples.”
- Begin praying for reaching 1% of the Tri-Cities.
- Get creative in how you can share the love of Jesus.
- Share ways to get out of your comfort zone.