

## First Step In Discipleship

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MATTHEW 28:16-20

### Using This Study

#### ❶ EXAMINE His Word

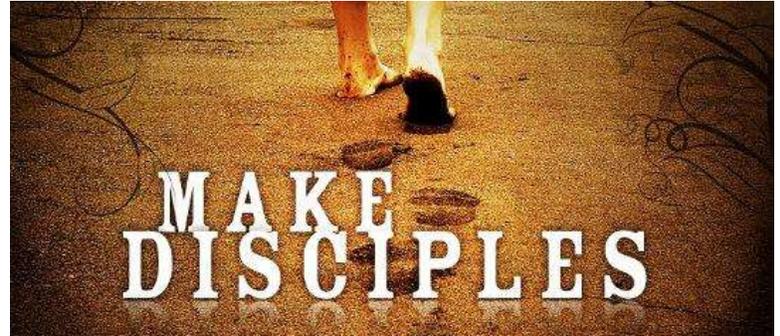
What does God SAY? Open your time with prayer. The words God uses to communicate matters, so go back and pay close attention to the details that are emphasized or repeated in the passage.

#### ❷ EXPLORE His Word

What does God MEAN? Asking questions of the text helps surface how the details relate to the message God wants to communicate.

#### ❸ EMBRACE His Word

Why does it MATTER to me? Embrace God by responding to what you discover in His word in faith and obedience.



Over the next three weeks we will be talking about the last part of our mission statement. Our mission statement is to “love God, love people, and make fully devoted followers of Christ.” We have talked about loving God and loving people, now we will talk about making disciples. This will break down into 3 parts. The first step to making disciples is to reach out to those that do not know Christ. People must believe in Christ before they can be made into a disciple. How can we as a church be ready to share the love and grace of God with those that do not know Him?



## 🕒 EXAMINE His Word

What does God SAY? Prayerfully note significant details and terms emphasized in the passage.

### Read Matthew 28:16-20

<sup>16</sup> So the eleven disciples went to Galilee to the mountain Jesus had designated.

<sup>17</sup> When they saw him, they worshiped him, but some doubted.

<sup>18</sup> Then Jesus came up and said to them, “All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me.

<sup>19</sup> Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit,

<sup>20</sup> teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age.”

## 🕒 EXPLORE His Word

What does God MEAN? (Intpretation)

1. What is a disciple?

2. What are the two things listed in the passage that constitute making a disciple?

3. Consider the story of Jonah. Why does Jonah run from God instead of going to Nineveh?

4. Why does God send Jonah to Nineveh?

5. Why does God care about the people of Nineveh?

### ③ **EMBRACE His Word**

Why does this **MATTER** to me? (Application)

1. What is the first step in making disciples?

2. Are there people you can be praying for this week?

3. Are there people you can invite to church this week?

4. Are there people you can talk to about God this week?

5. What are some ways that we can bring up the subject of God or church?

**Summarize your thoughts on the passage:**

Write about what God wants you to KNOW, to FEEL, and to DO...

**SERMON NOTES**