

## Who should make disciples?

What have we been told to do? Whose responsibility is it to share the gospel and with whom? What part are you to play? What does Jesus teach about discipleship?

Follow the instructions below to discover truth for yourself!

Read Matthew 28:16-20 printed below. These are Jesus' words to His disciples after His resurrection from the dead.

- 16 But the eleven disciples proceeded to Galilee, to the mountain which Jesus had designated.
- 17 When they saw Him, they worshiped *Him*; but some were doubtful.
- 18 And Jesus came up and spoke to them, saying, "All authority has been given to Me in heaven and on earth.
- 19 "Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit,
- 20 teaching them to observe all that I commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age."

Read the passage again and mark **Jesus** and all words referring to Him, eg *Him, Me*, with a cross.

What do you learn from each place you marked Jesus?

Underline all references to the eleven disciples including pronouns eg *they, some*.

- What was their response when they saw Jesus?

Now go back & circle the word **all** including 'always' (literally 'all the days'). List below what you learn from marking 'all':

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.
- 4.

Reflect:

- Is it the responsibility of all disciples (followers of Jesus) to go and make new disciples? Support your answer from the text.
- According to verse 20, what is to be taught?
- Does this include the command in verse 19?
- In whose authority are you to make disciples?
- Where will Jesus' disciples be from?

The word 'Go' in verse 19 is in a verb form that means, 'as you are going' or 'having gone'.

- When are you to 'go' and make disciples?
- Does this include your leisure, sport and work time or is it only for during a 'pre-arranged' meeting?

Reflect: What do new disciples need instruction in?

For further study: How and where can we find all of Jesus' commands to His disciples?

Hint: A good place to begin your search is in the Gospels.

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