

DISCIPLESHIP— THE COMMAND

MATTHEW 28: 19-20

WHAT IS DISCIPLESHIP?

A disciple was not only a pupil, but also an _____ hence they are spoken of as _____ of their teacher.

BIG IDEA

We, the Church of Jesus Christ, have the privilege of being a part of God's eternal plan of bringing Sons into His kingdom by _____ of Jesus Christ.

THE AUTHORITY

*"Then Jesus came to them and said, "All **authority** in heaven and on earth has been given to me" (Matthew 28:18 NIV)*

- **Exousia** = liberty to do as one pleases with what is rightfully his. What this means is that Jesus Christ owns all things and there are no hindrances, obstacles, or higher authority that would _____ His power!

THE COMMAND

"Therefore go and make disciples of all nations," (Matthew 28:19a NIV)

- **Go** = "After having gone" – going is assumed!
- **Make disciples** = the command to make _____ of Christ

THE STRATEGY

*"baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and **teaching** them to obey everything I have commanded you." (Matthew 28:19b-20 NIV)*

- **Baptizing** (baptizo) = to immerse, submerge; to make fully wet. To be baptized into someone means that the baptized person was closely bound to, or became the property of, the one into whose name he was baptized. In other words, Jesus is saying that the first step in discipleship is _____. (evangelism stage)

- o According to scripture, there is only one way to be owed or identified with Jesus Christ, and that is through His _____.

- o Gospel = "good news" (1 Corinthians 15:1-4):

*For what I received I passed on to you as of first importance: that **Christ died for our sins** according to the Scriptures, that **he was buried**, that **he was raised on the third day** according to the Scriptures," (1 Corinthians 15:3-4 NIV)*

- "Christ died for our sins" = the _____
- "He was buried" = the _____
- "He was raised on the third day" = the _____

- o Gospel applied by _____ (John 1:12; Mark 1:15)

- Repent = _____ about where you are heading
- Believe = placing your complete _____ in the gospel of Jesus Christ

- **Teaching** (didasko) = to learn with the thought towards _____. Notice that this step goes beyond the communication of data but requires that instruction be given in obedience to Jesus commands.

- Both Greek verbs are in the present tense, which means that they are seen as _____ activities!

"And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age." (Matthew 28:20 NIV)

- Jesus further tells us that we are not in this alone. In fact Jesus begins this section claiming His authority and _____; He ends it with declaring His always-available _____!

THE CONCLUSION

In order to fulfill the command of Jesus to Make Disciples you must first be one yourself.

HAVE YOU REPENTED OF YOUR SINS AND BELIEVED THE GOSPEL?

ARE YOU LISTENING TO AND OBEYING HIS COMMANDS?