

This Way to Making Disciples

“This Is The Way” Series – Part 03

A 15 Minute Study Guide- Read Matthew 28:16-20

1. Verse 17 states that while some worshipped the Risen Savior there were others in attendance who “doubted”. What do you think could be possible reasons or causes for their doubt?
2. Why did Jesus refer to His authority?
3. How can we make disciples and what is your current involvement in the process?

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A Fuller Study Guide-

Connect question: If you could choose them, what would your last words be?

Introduction: A Mercedes TV commercial a few years ago showed a Mercedes car crashing into a concrete wall during a safety test. An engineer in a white lab coat walks over after the crash and kneels down to examine the damage, which is minimal. A reporter then asks the engineer about Mercedes' energy absorbing car body. After the engineer tells all about the unique patented design the reporter asks him why Mercedes doesn't enforce their patent on the design, a design that was copied by several other companies because of its success. The engineer then replied matter-of-factly, *“Because some things in life are too important not to share.”*

What are some things you greatly value that you feel you must share with others?

In a called meeting at a mountain in Galilee, just days before His ascension into heaven, Jesus has some final instructions for His followers. We call the following verses the “Great Commission” and it is often described as the main mission of all believers.

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Mat 28:16 Then the eleven disciples left for Galilee, going to the mountain where Jesus had told them to go.

Mat 28:17 When they saw him, they worshiped him—but some of them doubted!

Mat 28:18 Jesus came and told his disciples, “I have been given all authority in heaven and on earth.

Mat 28:19 Therefore, go and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit.

Mat 28:20 Teach these new disciples to obey all the commands I have given you. And be sure of this: I am with you always, even to the end of the age.”

Discussion:

1. Matthew in verse 17 reports an interesting contrast: while some followers worshipped Jesus, there were others who “doubted”. Why, do you suppose, some would have doubts? Have you ever experienced doubt while at the same time you were worshipping God?

2. Jesus has all authority (verse 18). What does the word, “*Therefore*” imply about His authority in verse 19?
3. There is **one** main imperative or command in the Great Commission...what is it?
4. In your own words, what are the requirements necessary to be a true disciple of Christ?
5. Using verse 19-20, how do we go about making disciples?
6. What do the following instructions, given by Jesus, tell us about making disciples?
 - A. Go
 - B. Baptize them
 - C. Teach them My commandments
7. Must every Christian have as his/her main purpose to help make disciples who make disciples? Is the spiritual gift of evangelism a requirement? Why or why not?
8. How can you and I be more intentional about making disciples?

Homework:

What hinders you from becoming a disciple maker? Who can help you with this?

Who is on your radar for a possible discipling relationship? Pray for that person right now.