

## **Matthew 28:16-20**

### **God's Invitation to Human Flourishing—The Great Commission Community Group Questions 10-30-22**

#### **Open: Read Matthew 28:16-20; Make observations about the text.**

1. Give an example of a quest, or some great mission, that you've gone on. What was it and what motivated you to do it? What happened when you did it? Was it successful?

#### **Dig:**

1. There are various ways to describe what Jesus was getting at when he commanded his followers to make disciples. One way, noted in the sermon, comes from the Hebrew word Shalom. Another way to describe it is the phrase, "The Kingdom of God/Heaven." Read the following verses: Matt 6:10, 33; 13:31-47. How do these verses describe human flourishing and the gospel's role in achieving it?
2. Why is "All authority on heaven and earth" so significant? What is Jesus saying about who He is and what He has the right to do? How does that authority affect us today?
3. The focus of the command is "Make Disciples." Why do you suppose Jesus focused on the "making disciples" rather than on the going, teaching, and baptizing?
4. Read 1 Corinthians 10:2, 13. Notice how the term "baptism" is used as a way to be identified with someone or something. Why is this significant for the Great Commission? What's the implication for those who are believers?

#### **Reflect:**

1. Notice the phrase "Teaching them to obey." Why is this significant for the Christian life?
  2. Read the following scripture: Exodus 33:14; Matt 1:23; Rev 2:1, 21:3. How does "Being with you..." affect us as disciples.
  3. Pastor Dave suggested six ways to get involved in making disciples?
    - a. Pray for your friends
    - b. Build relationships with people
    - c. Serve the community any way you can with no strings attached!
    - d. Learn to listen to others well
    - e. Learn to tell your own story of faith in Christ
    - f. Join a Discovery group and invite others to join you
- What can you do to better participate in these things?