

# The Church: The Mission of a Disciple Matthew 28:18-20 Week of October 11, 2020

## I. Authoritative Command

What all has happened in the verses that lead up to Matthew 28:18-20?

What were the reactions of the disciples in Matthew 28:17? Why?

What was given to Jesus in Matthew 28:18? What is the meaning of this?

What backs up the authority of someone? Who gives authority to Jesus? What does Philippians 2:9-11 tell us?

"Therefore go" in Mathew 28:19 could be translated, "as you are going" or "while you are going". What did Jesus mean by this phrase?

### **II. Baptizing Disciples**

What is the command of Matthew 28:19?

Define what a disciple is. How do you know whom a disciple follows?

Where were the followers of Jesus to go to make these disciples? Why is this so important in our day and age?

What does being baptized signify?

What about believers baptism by immersion suggests a person is making a complete commitment?

#### **III. Teaching Disciples**

What in Matthew 28:20 tells us that baptism is not the only step that a follower of Jesus must take to become a disciple?

Why is it important to affirm that the life of faith in Jesus is meant to be a life long learning process?

According to Matthew 28:20, what is a disciple to be taught?

What is the difference in someone seeing the Christian life as a system of rules or someone seeing the Christian life as a lifestyle of faithfulness?

Explain why the love relationship that we have with Jesus is the foundation of our life of obedience and faithfulness.

Why is the Bible so important in our lives as Christians? What does 2 Timothy 3:16-17 tell us about this?

What gets in the way of our spending time in the Bible? How does this impact our lives?

#### **IV. Ongoing Presence of Jesus**

How does Jesus end this message to his disciples in Matthew 28:20?

Why would this message have been an encouragement to the disciples?

What does the promise that Jesus is with us mean to you?

What does it mean when Jesus says, "to the very end of the age?"

Why is the promise of eternity in heaven with Jesus something you look forward to as a Christian?