

# Multiplication: Make Disciples

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Matthew 28:16-20; Exodus 33:12-17

## Begin with Prayer

In silence, invite the Holy Spirit to guide you. Then pray: *Dear God, we look to you. Grant us a heart of an apprentice to love others as Jesus did and to step into this broken world confident that you are redeeming all things through your blessed Son. May your Holy Spirit give us faith and courage to do your will. Amen.*

## Reconnecting and Debriefing

1. *What are some goals or resolutions that you may have made for this year ahead?*
2. *Can you share about a time when you felt called or led by God to do something?*

### Introduction

Whether we gather in person or online, our goal remains the same: to be a people apprenticed to the life of Jesus. His life and teaching are our example and our source of truth. Remember the commitments we make to each other to foster safety and freedom as we pursue spiritual growth together:

- Whenever possible, please listen to the sermon prior to gathering (Sunday or online).
- While we are meeting (even online), commit to focussing rather than multitasking. Be all here.
- Give everyone an opportunity to share, even if it takes time to form or finish their thoughts.
- Be respectful and non-judgmental.
- Honour sharing boundaries (only what you have permission to share, no gossip) and guard confidentiality (what we share here stays here).
- Don't try to fix, problem-solve or rescue; point one another to the truths of the gospel.

## Listening to God's Word

Making disciples may seem like a daunting task to us at first. But Jesus calls every one of his apprentices to be involved in this work. Disciple-making isn't one program for which you must obtain credentials to be involved in. Rather, it's about mirroring the heart of God, who desires all people to experience the life of the kingdom of God. At NLCC, we are hoping to multiply our efforts in disciple-making by expanding with our Yorkson and Aldergrove campuses. Let's see what Scripture tells us about a life of disciple-making and what that may mean to us today.

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## Small Group Discussion

**Read Matthew 28:16-20.** Then discuss together:

- *What are your first thoughts when you read through this passage?*
- *Be honest: is this a time in your life when you are worshipping with confidence, or having doubts? How can you tell? V.17*
- *Why do you think that Jesus tells His disciples that He has been given all authority in heaven and on earth? What do you think this means? V.18*
- *What are ways that you have been able to be involved in Jesus' Great Commission in your life? V.19*

- Are there any ways Jesus might be calling you to ignite or re-ignite your involvement in the work of making disciples?
- What is one step of obedience you have been taking with Jesus in this season? V.19
- Why is baptism such an important part of fulfilling the Great Commission? V.19
- How would you like to live this Great Commission out in your life right now? V. 19-20

### **Read Exodus 33:12-17**

- What are areas that you feel unequipped in serving the church? How can we pray into that feeling?
- In which ways can we stand out as distinguished people of God? V.16
- What does it look like for you to ask the Lord to teach you His ways? V.13
- **Where is God calling you to go?**

### **How is the Holy Spirit calling you to respond to what we have discussed?**

## **Practice: Pray and Commit**

*"But making disciples is far more than a program. It is the mission of our lives. It defines us. A disciple is a disciple-maker".*

*Francis Chan, Multiply: Disciples Making Disciples*

**Individual:** Begin by praying and asking God which of the four areas on which Matthew Price preached would God like you to be a part of; Go, Pray, Give, & Invite. What are ways in your day-to-day life that you can implement the Great Commission among your community? Spend time in conversation but primarily trying to listen and hear what He wants you to do.

**Together:** Talk with each other in which ways God may want you to serve in the multiplication of the Church. Remember the four options; Go, Pray, Give, & Invite. Are there ways that you can commit together as a group? How will you remain accountable to these goals?

**Closing:** End your time with praying together; Pray the words of Moses in Exodus 33:15, "If your Presence does not go with us, do not send us up from here." Pray especially for the re-launch of our Yorkson campus (January 23, 2022) and the launch of our Aldergrove campus (Fall 2022).

## **Caring for One Another**

- Commit your fresh resolution to practice community to God in prayer.
- **Do you or your family have a need that the Life Group can help meet?**

Using **the Lord's Prayer (Matthew 6:9-13)** as a guide, based on what you've shared together, spend time listening to God and praying for one another.