

Thrive Matthew 28:16-20 Taylor Klassen September 07, 2025

Matthew 28:16-20 (NLT) - 16 Then the eleven disciples left for Galilee, going to the mountain where Jesus had told them to go. 17 When they saw him, they worshiped him—but some of them doubted!

18 Jesus came and told his disciples, "I have been given all authority in heaven and on earth. 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. 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.

Luke 10:1-11 (NLT) - 10 The Lord now chose seventy-two other disciples and sent them ahead in pairs to all the towns and places he planned to visit. 2 These were his instructions to them: "The harvest is great, but the workers are few. So pray to the Lord who is in charge of the harvest; ask him to send more workers into his fields. 3 Now go, and remember that I am sending you out as lambs among wolves. 4 Don't take any money with you, nor a traveler's bag, nor an extra pair of sandals. And don't stop to greet anyone on the road.

5 "Whenever you enter someone's home, first say, 'May God's peace be on this house.' 6 If those who live there are peaceful, the blessing will stand; if they are not, the blessing will return to you. 7 Don't move around from home to home. Stay in one place, eating and drinking what they provide. Don't hesitate to accept hospitality, because those who work deserve their pay.

8 "If you enter a town and it welcomes you, eat whatever is set before you. 9 Heal the sick, and tell them, 'The Kingdom of God is near you now.' 10 But if a town refuses to welcome you, go out into its streets and say, 11 'We wipe even the dust of your town from our feet to show that we have abandoned you to your fate. And know this—the Kingdom of God is near!'

We show God's glory through our story

Study Guide

It is not uncommon for the regular church-attender to feel unequipped, or ill-prepared when it comes to sharing the Gospel. So often, we think that such a task is better suited for pastors. But there are so many people out there who—whether they realize or not—are ready to receive Jesus into their hearts; all they need is someone to introduce Jesus to them. Our testimonies are a powerful tool to overcome what we feel we lack in biblical depth. They show others the beauty of Jesus' character; how much he cares and loves for us. And ultimately, God's glory is revealed through our testimonies.

Have you ever considered what your testimony would be? Take a moment to think about a moment where Jesus showed up in your life—whether it was you felt a peace, joy, or hope that wasn't there before, or maybe you experienced a miracle. Why did that moment have such an impact on you? And how did that moment change your perspective on Jesus?

Take a moment to pray right now, ask God to show you someone who needs to hear about the wonderful things Jesus has done. Then, ask God how you can share your testimony with them.