

Sermon Based Questions

***"Apprentices, Not Students"* – Pastor Matt Trussell**
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Matt introduced the idea that growing as disciples and reaching others should not be competing priorities. Jesus calls us to be apprentices, not just students: we grow by following him and teaching others as we go.

Share

1. What is something you learned how to do by actually doing it rather than in a classroom?
2. Who has taught you something by letting you work alongside them? What made that experience helpful?

Discuss

3. As you read Matthew 28:16–20 together, what stands out to you most from Jesus' final words?
4. Matt emphasized that "make disciples" is the command, while "go" describes the movement involved in carrying the command out. Does that change the way you understand the Great Commission? How?
5. Matt pointed to a progression in the passage: hear who Jesus is, respond and get baptized, obey what Jesus taught, AND teach others to do the same. What does this progression suggest about the relationship between following Jesus and continuing to grow as his disciple? Is there someone in your life that you can teach and influence?
6. Matt contrasted classroom-style learning with apprenticeship. What is gained when we act on what we've learned rather than waiting until we know enough?

Reflect

7. Is there an area of your life where you are waiting to feel more prepared before doing something Jesus has already called you to do? What would it take for you to act on that invitation?
8. Matt argued that **our growth** and **reaching others** should be part of the same process. Where could that become more true in your everyday life?

Apply

9. Think of one person God has already placed in your life. What is one concrete step you could take this week to live as an apprentice of Jesus there?