

Valley Bible Church
Sermon Notes for November 20, 1988

Making Disciples
Part 2
Matthew 28:16-20
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Plan A: Lord makes the nation of Israel the blessed nation to establish the messianic kingdom. The nation of Israel reflects the Messiah.

Plan B: Jesus establishes a spiritual kingdom in the hearts of His disciples. As part of Plan B we need to be a responsible and righteous part of this plan. I am part of God's plan to reach the world.

1. Availability
2. Worship
3. Confident in Christ's Authority (**Matthew 28:18**)

A. We can be confident because Jesus has all authority (**Matthew 28:18; 1 Corinthians 15:20-28**).

Authority: Freedom to do what ever you want.

Christ has authority over disease (**Matthew 4:24**), over demons (**Matthew 8:32, 17:18, 12:22**) to judge (**John 5**), and to lay down His life and take it up again (**John 10**).

We will not see Christ exercise His total authority until the end of the Millennial Kingdom. The authority is important because the one who has sent us can provide for every need.

B. We can be confident because Jesus is with us (**Matthew 28:20**).

We have Jesus with all authority with us always. Do we need to fear, be timid? No, Christ is with us.

4. Understanding the Task (**Matthew 28:19-20**)

Main Verb: "Make Disciples"

Participles: "Going," "Baptizing," "Teaching"

When the participles are translated they should be put in the command form because they carry the force of the imperative command (Make Disciples).

Evangelizing: “Go”

A disciple is made at the moment of conversion.

“Going” means taking the initiative to make opportunities to share the gospel of Christ.

Equipping: “Baptize,” “Teach to observe” This is water baptism because we cannot do spirit baptism.

Baptism is the outward expression of an inward faith. If we are to be a disciple we ought to follow in baptism for it is the beginning of a walk of obedience.

Teaching is difficult because it is not simply teaching to impart understanding but to impart total obedience.

The most joyful task that we can possibly be involved in is the making and training of disciples (**3 John 4**).