

“Making Disciples Is Our Mission”
Matthew 28:18-20 Pastor Tim Atkins

INTRODUCTION READ Matthew 28:1-20

Purpose Statement of New Life Fellowship

“to accomplish His Great Commission through making disciples”

Intentional . . . Personal . . . Transformational . . . Relational

Discipleship means being disciples making disciples

“last command of Jesus must be the first priority of the church”

H. B. Charles

“all . . . all . . . all . . . all the days”

His majesty, His authority, His glory, His Commission

Cf. Matthew 28:16-17 “they worshiped Him . . .” cf. 2:1

I. Foundation for the Mission of Making Disciples

Is Our Resurrected Lord Jesus 28:18

A. Authority Declared 28:18a

“and having approached Jesus spoke to them saying . . .”

Focus upon the content of what he said with the emphasis on His words

B. Authority Described 28:18b

“all authority has been given to Me . . .”

READ Ephesians 1:20-23 READ Ephesians 2:19-22

testimony of this reality as a church READ Philippians 2:9-11

Say to Him . . . Whatever you desire of us we will do

. . . Whatever you require of us we will give

. . . Wherever you command us we will go

II. Instruction for The Mission of Making Disciples

by Our Resurrected Lord Jesus 28:19

A. Assignment Declared 28:19a

“ . . . making disciples . . .” learners, followers, believers, worshipers

one command personally directed about others becoming disciples of Jesus

three participles actively concerned about others being disciples of Jesus

cf. Mark 16:15; Luke 24:46-49; John 17:13-21; Acts 1:8

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B. Assignment Described 28:19b

“**Therefore** going . . . baptizing . . . teaching . . .”

“teaching them to observe all that I commanded **you**”

Consider All of the Teachings of Jesus in the Gospel of Matthew

5-7, 10-12, 13, 15, 16, 18, 20, 21-23, 24-25

allegiance to Jesus obedience to Jesus service to Jesus

III. Motivation for the Mission of Making Disciples

from Our Resurrected Lord Jesus 28:20

A. Assurance Declared 28:20b

“and behold I *Myself* with you **I am** . . .”

“Here He answers every fear, doubt, discouragement, and weakness” Lenksi

Living in the reality that the Lord Jesus is coming again at the end of this age

for all things will not continue as they are forever.

There is limited time for making disciples . . .

B. Assurance Described 28:20c

“ . . . all the days until the end of the age.”

The very promise with assurance of His presence in these acts of obedience

to fulfill the requirement of making disciples as those with the assignment

going, baptizing, and teaching . . .

CONCLUSION “Making Disciples Is Our Mission”

- Do you want to do what Jesus wants you to do with your passions, in your practices, and by your priorities?
- Being a disciple making disciples is more than agreement with these words of Jesus but having this assignment from Him and for His church
- This activity of making disciples should be our testimony as His disciples because of the reality of His promise “A Lifesaving Station”

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