

2 Timothy 2:20-21

John 12:24-26

1 Peter 4:10

2 Corinthians 4:1,7

2 Corinthians 5:14-16

4. Think about others in your relational networks (family, work, neighborhood, social networks, etc). Who are those who have some level of spiritual interest? What could be a next step in helping them grow as disciples of Christ?

Matthew 28:18-20 – The Great Commission

The Navigators Disciplemakers For Life (D4L) Mission

Matthew 28:18-20 is often referred to as *The Great Commission*. It is the Lord Jesus' last words to His disciples. It reads as follows...

And Jesus came and said to them, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. ¹⁹Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, ²⁰teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age." Matthew 28:18-20 (ESV)

1. How would you answer the following questions regarding this passage?
 - a. Why do think Jesus began with '*All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me*' when giving the Great Commission?
 - b. What would you say are the implications of the word '*Go*'? (A more literal wording of the Greek would be '*As you are going*')?
 - c. What do you think it means to '*make disciples*'? How are we to do it?
 - d. Why do you think Jesus would end the Great Commission with the promise, '*I am with you always, to the end of the age*'?
 - e. Do you think this *Great Commission* is applicable to all those who belong to Christ today? Why or why not?

2. Look up the following cross references. What further insights do they give on *The Great Commission*?

Acts 1:8

John 15:16

1 Peter 2:9-10

2 Corinthians 5:18-20

Colossians 1:28-29

3. Looking back over your notes, write out Matthew 28:18-20 in your own words.
4. Looking back over your notes, write out one or two things that especially impressed you. What do you feel the Lord would have you do in light of these?
5. Listen to a podcast by Jack Mayhall, former U.S. Director of The Navigators, on *The Great Commission*. What stands out to you from the message? What do you feel the Lord would have you apply to your life from what Jack shared?

<http://turret2.discipleshiplibrary.com/D399b.mp3>

Further study (optional) ...

1. Read Matthew 28:18-20 in a few different translations/paraphrases of the Bible. (BlueLetterBible.org or BibleGateway.com are both good websites for various translations/paraphrases of the Bible. The Message, The New Living Translation and the English Standard Version are good to look at in addition to your personal version). What stands out to you, what insights come to mind, as you read this passage in various versions?
2. How have you benefited from someone personally *discipling* you? What did they do to help you grow as a disciple of Christ?
3. What are some important lessons from the following Bible passages for us to keep in mind as we seek *to help others become disciples of Christ*?

1 Corinthians 3:5-11

2 Timothy 2:1-4