



**WORD**

<sup>19</sup>"Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, <sup>20</sup>and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age." MATTHEW 28:19,20

**WHAT**

After His resurrection and before going back to heaven, Jesus appears to His disciples and with all the authority given Him in heaven and on earth (Acts 1:2,3; Matthew 28:18), left them with the Great Commission or the command to disciple the nations. What is discipleship and what did Jesus mean when He commanded us to disciple the nations?

**1 Discipleship is about reaching people groups.**

*"Therefore go and make disciples of all nations . . ."*

MATTHEW 28:19

Jesus' main concern, heart, and passion is about reaching the nations—not just the political segregations but the multitudes of people that can have a relationship with Him. Revelation 7:9,10 gives us a compelling vision of God's heart to see every tribe, tongue, and people experience eternal life in Jesus. What is your reason for making disciples and sharing the gospel?

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**2 Discipleship is about calling people to connect with God as their Source.**

*" . . . baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit . . ."* MATTHEW 28:19

Christ commanded His disciples to baptize His followers in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. Baptizing in the name meant immersing them in the person and identity of God. In other words, discipleship is about introducing God to every person we get in touch with. What do we share about God (1 Corinthians 8:6)?

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**3 Discipleship is teaching people to grow in their relationship with God.**

*" . . . and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. . . ."* MATTHEW 28:20

Discipleship is not about programs and activities—it is about having a lifelong relationship with God and guiding others to do the same. The foundation of discipleship is the Good News that God has sacrificed His only Son to take our place on the cross out of His great love for us (1 John 4:9,10). What is the story of your relationship with God? How do you think will this encourage others to have a relationship with God as well?

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