



DISCIPLES

Disciples Reach the World

Key idea:

Disciples are engaged in reaching the world, both locally and internationally, with the Gospel so that others may hear and respond to the Gospel.

Key text:

Matthew 28:19-20

¹⁹ 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, ²⁰ and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age.

Key points:

1. Disciples are proactive and intentional about reaching the lost world with the Gospel of God's grace.
2. Disciples begin reaching out to the lost in their families and the local area, and work to see the Gospel reach the farthest corners of the globe.
3. Reaching the world includes mercy ministry and evangelism, ministering to both the physical and spiritual needs of this lost, broken, and suffering world.
4. We teach all God has commanded in His Word so that converts become disciples - followers of Jesus actively engaged in His mission.
5. We reach the world both through individual evangelism and mercy ministry, and also by laboring together as a local church.

Questions for discussion/application:

1. What part of Sunday's text and teaching stood out most to me? Why?
2. How proactive and intentional am I in attempting to reach the lost world with the Gospel of God's grace? What does it look like to be proactive and intentional about this?
3. How am I working to reach the lost in my own "backyard" - my extended family, my neighbors, my coworkers, and the people with whom I have regular contact?
4. How am I working to see the Gospel spread to every nation on earth? Is this a passion or a mere duty? How can I stir up a passion for the global movement of the Gospel?
5. Many individual Christians and many groups tend to either stress good works or Good News, mercy ministry or evangelism. Do I tend to stress one over the other? Why is it important that we engage in both, and not just one or the other?
6. In this series we have seen that disciples embrace the Gospel of God's grace and are strengthened by the habits of grace, love God in regular worship, connect with others in vital fellowship, serve in the local church, and labor to reach the world with the Gospel. In which of these areas am I strongest? In which am I weakest?
7. What concrete steps do I plan to take to grow stronger in the area of weakness identified in Question 6?
8. Whom can I pray for, share what I have learned this week, and invite to church?

Our Next Series: Signs

Theme: The Gospel of John contains seven "signs" - symbolic events that call us to embrace Jesus as the Lord Who has come to redeem His people.

Preview of next week: The Wedding: The Lord of the Wedding Feast (John 2:1-11)