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Key idea:

All Christians are commissioned by Jesus to be involved in the worldwide mission of evangelism and discipleship.

Key text:

Matthew 28:18–20

Then Jesus came to them and said, “All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. 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. The risen, ascended, exalted Christ has been given all authority in heaven and earth.
2. Jesus commissioned the church to make disciples of all nations.
3. The process of discipleship includes sharing the gospel with others, baptizing new converts, and teaching them the commands of Christ so they may become obedient followers of Jesus.
4. Every believer has been commissioned by Jesus to be part of the mission of reaching the lost with the Gospel and making disciples of new believers.
5. Every believer has received the Holy Spirit to empower them to fulfill the commission to make disciples.
6. Jesus’ plan is that all believers are commissioned by Jesus and equipped by leaders to do the work of ministry.

Questions for discussion/application:

1. What part of Sunday's text and teaching stood out most to you? Why?
2. Jesus proclaimed that He has ALL authority in heaven and earth. Why is this important for the Church as she seeks to reach out to the lost and make disciples of all nations?
3. What is the actual command in the Great Commission? Is it to "go" or to "make disciples"? Does it matter?
4. What is a disciple? What is required for an unbeliever to become a mature disciple of Christ?
5. Bret defined a disciple as "a baptized follower of Jesus who continues to learn how to follow Him more closely." Am I a disciple? Have I been baptized? Am I continuing to learn and grow in my knowledge of Jesus, His commands, and His Gospel? Am I growing in obedience to Jesus' command and call for me?
6. Who does Jesus commission to be part of the process of reaching out to the lost and making disciples? Does this commission apply only to leaders, or does it apply to all believers? Why?
7. Why is the new covenant gift of the Holy Spirit critical for the mission of the Church? If I have been given the gift of the Spirit, can I claim that I am not able to make disciples?
8. What is the role of leaders in the Church? Do they do all of the work of making disciples - or do they equip everyone to be involved in this process? Which have I mainly seen and experienced in my church life?
9. How am I involved in the process of making disciples? How am I helping others to hear the Gospel? How am I helping other believers grow in their faith?
10. Why are small groups such an important part of growing as a disciple of Christ? Why are small groups such an important part of helping fulfill the call to help others grow in Christ?