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The Call to Discipleship
Matthew 28:16-20
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Discipleship: training in Christ-likeness.

I. Declared in Power (28:18)

- Jesus has been given all power and authority.
- Daniel 7:14; Ephesians 1:20-21

II. Directed by Purpose (28:19-20a)

- Make disciples...the only imperative given.
- Disciples are made by *baptizing and teaching* (Romans 10:1-4; Hosea 6:6-7).
- The goal of discipleship is *obedience* (John 3:36; Romans 6:16).

III. Driven by Promise (28:20b)

- Jesus goes with us.
- His presence is our comfort as we go.
- Immanuel is still with his people (Matthew 1:23).

Conclusion: We are commanded to make disciples as we go. We must baptize and teach the whole counsel of God for the sake of obedience. We go confidently under the authority of Christ and in the presence of Christ.

Questions/Discovery Points for Life Groups/Families

Please read Matthew 28:16-20

1. Have you ever been or are you currently being discipled? If not, why not?
2. Are you currently discipling anyone? If not, why not?
3. Why is it vital to recognize and believe in the authority of Christ as we seek to obey the Great Commission?
4. Have you been baptized? If not, why not? What is the significance of baptism, and why is it so important for followers of Jesus to be baptized?
5. What characteristics would you expect to find in a church fulfilling the Great Commission?
6. What is the purpose of discipleship, and what all does it entail?
7. What role does obedience play in the life of a follower of Jesus?
8. How does Christ's declaration of his authority and the promise of his presence impact you as you go about the task of making disciples?