

RED LETTER LIVING

Living the Words of Jesus

Sermon #1 Study Guide – Living on Mission

Matthew 28:16-20

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Discuss Sermon

- What is the significance of “Red Letter Living” for modern day Christians?

Jesus gives one command (in the Greek language) in the Great Commission as he states: **Make Disciples**. He clarifies that we make disciples by “Going, Baptizing, and Teaching” others how to become faithful followers of our Lord.

- How can you help others become more fully devoted disciples of Jesus Christ today?

The term for “**make disciples**” carries the understanding of helping others know how to place their trust in Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior and to become a learner of Him.

Exchange Views

“Genuine discipleship is wholehearted discipleship.”– **John Stott**

Discipleship is on God’s terms and it requires a whole-hearted surrender on your part. The Lord reminds us in the Great Commission that the key principles of “making disciples” always involves seeking, reaching, and teaching others to become more faithful followers of Christ.

- What are some of the obstacles that you face in trying to train others to become faithful disciples?
- How would you describe the steps of discipleship to others?

Examine Text – Matthew 28:16-20

Read the main text from the sermon and reflect on the key words, phrases, and lessons that God is teaching us.

- What are the key lessons that you learn from this text?
- What promise is given from Jesus Christ in this text? Does it still apply today?

Personalize Truth

- Read “I AM A DISCIPLE OF CHRIST” and respond.
- Discuss two ways how you can become a more effective disciple of Christ.

I AM A DISCIPLE OF JESUS CHRIST

I am a part of the fellowship of the unashamed.

The die has been cast, I've stepped over the line; the decision has been made;

I am a disciple of Jesus Christ.

I will not look back, let up, slow down, back away or be still.

My past is redeemed; my present makes sense; my future is secure.

I no longer need pre-eminence, prosperity, position, promotions, plaudits or popularity.

I don't have to be right, first, tops, recognized, praised, regarded or rewarded.

I now live by faith, love by patience, live by prayer, and labor by power.

My pace is set; my gait is fast; my goal is the heaven. My road is narrow;

My way is rough; my companions few; my Guide reliable; my mission clear!

I cannot be bought, compromised, deterred, lured away, turned back, deluded or delayed.

I will not flinch in the face of sacrifice, hesitate in the presence of adversity;

I will not negotiate at the table of the enemy, ponder at the pool of popularity, nor meander in the maze of mediocrity.

I will not give up, back up, let up, or shut up until I have prayed up, preached up, stored up, and stayed up the cause of Jesus Christ!

I am a disciple of Jesus Christ.

I must go until He returns; give until I drop;

preach until all know; and work until He comes.

And when He comes to get His own, He will have no trouble recognizing me;

My colors are flying high, and they are clear for all to see.

How to Use This Study Guide: This guide can be used by individuals, families, & small groups to gain a deeper understanding of God's Word. Each section is organized in these areas: **D.E.E.P** = Discuss Sermon, Exchange Views, Examine Text, and Personalize Truth.