

Luke 9:23; Salvation is free, but discipleship will cost you your life.

Matthew 28:18-20

- ✓ We started last week looking at what a disciple does.
 - ✓ We saw that a disciple learns, loves, and lives the Word of God.
 - ✓ This week we are going to see that a disciple makes disciples. Disciples make disciples, Christians don't make disciples.
 - ✓ It's surrendered life of a disciple that reaches the world, transforms lives, goes the extra mile, Christians who are un-surrendered didn't reach you, preach to you, hand you a tract, disciples did that.
 - ✓ Disciples were faithful to teach you, encourage you, hold you accountable, serve in ministry and set the example for you.
 - ✓ Disciples give up their incomes, their leisure time, rights, and privileges to reach a lost world.
 - ✓ They are the ones who quit lucrative jobs or settle for less than the best of this life so that others can profit through their sacrifice.
 - ✓ This is why being a disciple is so critical.
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1. Disciples make disciples, it's a natural outflow of discipleship: Matthew 4:19; 2 Timothy 2:2

- ✓ **Matthew 28:16-20 – Matthew 26:32;** The whole process starts with obedience and not with mountain moving faith.
 - ✓ If they wanted to see Jesus, they had to go to Galilee.
 - ✓ If we really want to know who Jesus is and what His plans are and what He's doing, we are going to have to obey Him!
 - ✓ Doubts don't disqualify you! Doubt is the struggle to believe.
 - ✓ Sometimes we are devoted and sometimes we doubt; Jesus doesn't rebuke or weed out the doubters. He presses ahead with them.
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2. Jesus gives them several things to do.

1) Be convinced of Jesus' full authority, Verse 18. He's saying this to the obedient, even some who doubted but were obedient.

- ✓ Jesus has the right and the might to do whatever He decides to do.
 - ✓ **John 3:35** – Again, discipleship is not Jesus' prominence in a life; it's His preeminence! The proper response to the preeminence of Jesus is to give Him preeminence in our lives.
 - ✓ Don't call Him king and Lord and not do what He says.\
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2) Be committed to follow Jesus' assignment!

- ✓ "Go" literally means "as you go" – As you go about your daily lives; it's not a call to foreign missions or a surrender to be a pastor or an evangelist. God will call you out especially for that if He so wills.
 - ✓ "Make disciples" – Not just decisions, stick with them, teach them, pour into them so that they can become like you.
 - ✓ "Baptizing them," Why, if trusting Jesus as Savior is all we need to do to be saved, are we required to be baptized? —It is the first step in discipleship.
 - ✓ We accept Jesus and we are His – that's a personal private decision of the heart where no one can see; baptism is the public expression of that.
 - ✓ The first step in following Jesus is acknowledging Him publicly—that is the purpose of baptism.
 - ✓ Follows that order is crucial: accept Jesus first on the inside, then tell the world, secondly, on the outside.
 - ✓ "Teaching them to observe whatever I have **commanded**," these aren't suggestions He's giving for your best life now; they are commandments! Discipleship and making disciples are commandments for Jesus' followers.
 - ✓ "and, lo"— Why does He say that? Why place such emphasis here?
 - ✓ Jesus is saying, "Pay close attention to this, I go with you wherever you go."
 - ✓ We don't just go for Him; we go with Him, **Matthew 16:18**.
 - ✓ Bookends of Jesus' commission: "All authority has been Given to Me," "I am with you always," sovereign power and eternal presence.
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