



Sunday, April 29, 2018 • Olivet Small Group Participant's Guide

"In the Name of the Father"

Matthew 28:16-20

Warming Up

1. What are you thankful for this week?
2. What are you struggling with or stressed about? How can your small group help?
3. Last week we looked at the first of three ways that Jesus says we "make disciples who make disciples." What do you remember from last week?
4. What did you "do" or "put into practice" as a result of last week's bible study or Pastor Dave's message? (How did you do with your "I will..." statements last week? What do you think held you back? What, if anything, propelled you forward? What might you need to *do* as a result of *your response* to last week's Word?)
5. Who did you *tell* of what you learned last week? How did it go?

Digging Deeper

Read again Matthew 28:16-20

6. Over the last three weeks we've noted that in the Great Commission there is really only *one command* with three ways of carrying it out. Summarize again the one command and the three ways of doing it.

7. This week we want to focus on the second way we “make disciples who make disciples.” What is it? How do you understand it?

Read also Matthew 23:13-15

8. Who is Jesus speaking to in these verses? What three problems does he isolate?

9. What do you think the difference is between a “convert” or “proselyte” and a “disciple?”

Think again about Matthew 28:19.

10. What does the word “baptize” mean? Is there a difference between the symbol of baptism and the process that it symbolizes? Explain.

11. Following this line of reasoning, what do you understand the word “name” to mean? What do you think it means to be “immersed” in the “name” of God—beyond the obvious symbolic act of baptism?

12. *How* can we practice this disciple-making truth, do you suppose?

Making It Personal

13. *If* you believe this lesson to be true, what one or more things will you covenant with your small group to *do*? When will you do them?

I will...

When...

14. So much learning happens as we *tell* someone else what we ourselves have learned or experienced. With which non-believer will you share what you have learned this week? When?

I will tell...

When...

15. How can your small group pray for you today? How can you pray for them?