



Sunday, May 6, 2018 • Olivet Small Group Participant's Guide

"Teaching Them to Obey"

Matthew 28:16-20; Proverbs 2:1-5; James 1:5

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 second 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 four 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 third way we “make disciples who make disciples.” What is it? How do you understand it?

8. Take a closer look at the entire phrase: “...teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you.” (NIV) What words jump out at you? What is their relationship to each other? What, do you think, is the priority of the words?

9. Is there a difference between teaching knowledge and teaching obedience? Explain.

10. Think again about the relationship between knowledge, understanding and wisdom. What is our culture’s traditional understanding of the relationship between them?

Read Proverbs 2:1-5

11. What is the relationship biblically between the commandments of God, wisdom, understanding and knowledge in these verses?

Read James 1:5

12. So how do we start? What will this part of the discipleship process look like according to James and Solomon and Jesus in the Great Commission?

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*? What things might you need to *start* doing? When will you start? What might you need to *stop* doing? When will you stop?

I will...

When...

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?