

7 April 2024 – Questions to Discuss and Consider at Home or in Small Group
“Jesus Launches the Mission to Disciple the Nations” -- Matthew 28:16-20

Questions to Answer from the Text:

1. How many disciples went to see Jesus (v. 16a)?
2. Where did the disciples go to meet Jesus (v. 16)?
3. When Jesus’ disciples went to Galilee to see Him, how did they respond when they saw Him (v. 17)?
4. What kind of authority does Jesus possess (v. 18)?
5. Where does He have this authority? (v. 18)?
6. What did Jesus tell His disciples to do (v. 18a)?
7. How are Jesus’ disciples to go about doing this (vv. 19b-20a)?
8. What is the name into which disciples are to be baptized (v. 19b)?
9. What are disciples of the Lord Jesus to be taught (v. 20a)?
10. What does Jesus promise as the Church makes disciples (v. 20b)?

Questions to Ponder and Reflect upon the Teaching and Applications Based on the Text:

11. How can the Church be the *means* by which people are brought to Christ and made to be His disciples [See WCF 25.3]?
12. How are evangelism and discipleship similar and complementary? How are they different?
13. What is revivalism? How has revivalism made the task of evangelism-discipleship disjointed and truncated?
14. How would you go about making someone a disciple of Christ Jesus?
15. Is worship in any sense evangelistic? How does making disciples relate to worship?
16. What is meant by personal evangelism? How do we know that Jesus is not focusing on personal evangelism in His charge to the disciples in Matthew 28:19-20?
17. When the early Church was primarily in a missionary period, what methodology did the Church often employ to identify and to make disciples? See <https://ccel.org/ccel/schaff/hcc2/hcc2.v.vii.xiv.html>, section 1 on the catechumenate and their place in worship in the early Church. Are there applications from this practice that could be implemented effectively today? What might not work so well? What might be a theological objection to the methodology of such a longer period of instruction before administering baptism and receiving one into the Church?
18. What is the great mission of the Church [See WCF 25.3]?
19. How might we at SRPC do better at making disciples?
20. Why should you be a follower of Christ?
21. Why would you want someone else to be a follower of Christ?
22. Whom do you know that you could start praying that they would become a follower of the Lord Jesus Christ? How would you go about their becoming a disciple of the Lord Jesus?