

### **Matthew 28:16-20**

Then the eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain where Jesus has told them to go. When they saw him, they worshipped him; but some doubted. Then Jesus came to them and said, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptising them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and **teaching them to obey everything** I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age."

### **What does Jesus tell us to teach people?**

- **Teach obedience not knowledge.** 'Make disciples, teaching them to **obey all**'. Teach obedience **NOT content BUT principle**. Adam and Eve wanted knowledge without obedience. Western society is high knowledge based. Jesus spoke about obedience. Parables are about the difference between knowing and obeying. This is only time in Matthew disciples are told to teach – and it is qualified, they are to teach people to obey, not to teach doctrine.

### **Did Jesus make disciples or make converts? What is the difference?**

- 'Jesus' counterintuitive purpose for discipleship' – **focus on few rather than many** (36 months to implement plan for eternity, picked 12 ppl, not A list: unforgiveable tax collector Matthew, Judas the zealot sworn to kill tax-collectors) changes Roman Emp within 70 yrs, without Canon of NT: how? With J for 3 yrs. **Go slow to go fast. Disciple ppl towards faith.** Backwards.
- At what point did disciples enter the KOG? They hung with Jesus until finally they glimpsed he might be the Messiah – he discipled them to faith.
- Jesus isn't just calling us to make converts. **Make disciples not converts.** How can we begin to disciple them towards faith? **Discipleship-based Mission**
- Intentionally help people learn how to **listen and obey**, not creating dependence on our teaching, but people who've learnt how to discover and apply God's will in life.

### **What is the difference between discipling a not-yet-believer, and trying to convert a not-yet-believer?**

- Converts are about right beliefs; disciples are about obedience, when we make disciples churches follow.
- **Ask: how do people learn best? Ask a teacher.** Discovery rather than teaching: Interactive and intentional rather than passive. Bible to be central authority to everything people do, rather than a central teacher/ leader, with built in accountability to the group. **The question is NOT what have I taught BUT what has someone learned AND > what has someone obeyed.**
- How do you build a DNA of multiplication into everything you do? Muslims discovering truth about Jesus gradually, encouraged to obey it, held accountable by friends, encouraged to reach out to kinship group.
- Emphasis on discipling not-yet-believers, and trusting the HS to reveal to them, then trusting them to disciple others immediately.
- Which is better, to know much and obey little, or to know little and obey much?

'Engaging lostness' – how do we get into closed places? A marriage between Christian compassion and Muslim people of peace – believers in culture, living out what it means to love neighbour, conspicuously spiritual without being Christian, and working with a prepared person of peace. Believers demonstrating compassion

## Luke 10:1-9

After this the Lord appointed seventy-two others and sent them two by two ahead of him to every town and place where he was about to go. He told them, "The harvest is plentiful, but the workers are few. Ask the Lord of the harvest, therefore, to send out workers into his harvest field. Go! I am sending you out like lambs among wolves. Do not take a purse or bag or sandals; and do not greet anyone on the road.

When you enter a house, first say, 'Peace to this house.' If a man of peace is there, your peace will rest on him; if not, it will return to you. Stay in that house, eating and drinking whatever they give you, for the worker deserves his wages. Do not move around from house to house.

When you enter a town and are welcomed, eat what is set before you. Heal the sick who are there and tell them, 'The kingdom of God is near you.'" What surprises you about the way Jesus tells his disciples to go?

### How is the order he tells them to do things different to the order we might do 'evangelism'?

- Offer peace to community – bless it; desire its best; seek shalom peace/welfare
- Share food with people
- Receive hospitality; enter homes; make friends; build community; live humbly
- Heal people; then declare KOG

### What is a 'man of peace'?

- come in spirit of **peace**; Mt 10 emphasises search for this person = intentional
- Mt 10 → trans MOP as 'some **worthy** person'; their home is **deserving**... worthy = worth respecting i.e. upright, reputable; deserving home = family culture
- they welcome; generous; open
- hungry for spiritual things; open to the message; willing to open home and community to spiritual things:
- well related/connected to community → a bridge into community for KOG message
- The outsider looks for the 1 person who is a bridge into the community, working through them. This is not extraction. The bridge person is already trusted. Their message will be accepted more easily than that of an outsider. They already have a network of relationships.
- e.g. the woman at the well
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### What do you think 'whoever receives you receives me' means? (Mt10:40)

- Relational not confrontational – sun shining not wind blowing

### Who do you know who is not yet a believer, but is a man or woman of peace?

### What can you do this week to 'go' to this person of peace?