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¹⁸And Jesus came and said to them, “All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me.

¹⁹Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, ²⁰teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you.

And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age.” **MATTHEW 28:18-20**

Jesus gave final instructions to His disciples after His resurrection, and His command was about discipleship. As followers of Jesus, He commands us to help others follow Him. The gospel—the good news about what Jesus has done for us—is the best thing we have to share with others. Keeping it to ourselves would not only be selfish; it would be disobedient. The great thing is, He promises to be with us—always. In this lesson, we will look more at what Jesus commanded His disciples (and us) to do.

1 Go

“Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit . . .” **MATTHEW 28:19**

The gospel is not just for those who already honor God. It’s also for those who are lost, harassed, and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd (Matthew 9:36). This means going beyond familiar territory and environments to tell others about Jesus. Recall a time when you shared the gospel, but were hesitant or unsure about it. What happened?

2 Make Disciples

“Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit . . .” **MATTHEW 28:19**

Discipleship is simply helping others follow Jesus. We tell them about Jesus’ finished work on the cross, and we help them walk with God. This includes basic foundations such as Lordship, repentance, baptism, and being added to a church community. Who helped you follow Jesus? What did you learn from him/her about following Jesus?

3 Teach

“. . . teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age.” **MATTHEW 28:20**

When we help others follow Jesus, we teach them to obey Him. Being a Christian isn’t just about receiving what Jesus has done for us—it is also about responding to the gospel and living for Him. Just as we were taught about God, we are to teach others as well (2 Timothy 2:2). Who are you teaching to obey all Jesus commanded us?
