

DISCOVER TRUTH FOR YOURSELF

Lightning Study



The Great Commission
(Jesus' final words, as recorded by Matthew)

**Whose responsibility is it to share the gospel and with whom?
What part are you to play?**

Follow the instructions below to discover truth for yourself!

Read: Matthew 28:16-20 (below)

- 16 But the eleven disciples proceeded to Galilee, to the mountain which Jesus had designated.
- 17 When they saw Him, they worshiped *Him*; but some were doubtful.
- 18 And Jesus came up and spoke to them, saying, "All authority has been given to Me in heaven and on earth.
- 19 "Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptising them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit,
- 20 teaching them to observe all that I commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age."

Mark: With a cross, mark **Jesus** and all words referring to Him (*Him, Me, Son, I*).

Reflect: What do you learn from each place you marked Jesus?

Mark: Underline all references to the eleven disciples including *they, some, them, you*.

Reflect: What was their response when they saw Jesus?

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Mark: Now go back & circle the word **all** It is used 4 times, including 'always' (literally 'all the days').

List: List below what you learn from marking 'all':

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.
- 4.

Reflect:

- Is it the responsibility of all disciples (followers of Jesus) to go & make new disciples?
- According to verse 20, what is to be taught?
- Does this include the command in verse 19?
- In whose authority are you to make disciples?
- Is anyone excluded from being a disciple of Jesus?

Insight: The word 'Go' in verse 19 is in a verb form that means, 'as you are going' or 'having gone'.

Reflect:

- When are you to 'go' and make disciples?
- Does this include your leisure, sport and work time or is it only for during a 'pre-arranged' meeting?
- What do new disciples need instruction in?

For further study:

How and where can we find all of Jesus' commands to His disciples?

Hint: A good place to begin your search is in the Gospels.

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