

BE A BRINGER

“40 One of the two who heard John speak, and followed Him, was Andrew, Simon Peter’s brother. 41 He first found his own brother Simon, and said to him, “We have found the Messiah” (which is translated, the Christ). 42 And he brought him to Jesus....”
John 1:40-42a

A bringer makes one touch each week by investing and inviting someone to Christ and church.

Name three people you will pray for their salvation this week:

PRAYER REQUESTS FOR THE WEEK

“Moreover, as for me, far be it from me that I should sin against the LORD in ceasing to pray for you;....” I Samuel 12:23a

MISSIONARY OF THE WEEK



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PRAY - We recently heard that an influential man in our village died on Tuesday. Although he was not part of the Madak Church Body, most of the Church was closely related to him. Please pray for the Church as they mourn.

PRAY - A lady in our church (Victoria) shared that her daughter (Addi) almost passed away several times. During one of the last episodes that she experienced, where she would be in and out of consciousness, their unsaved family members were pressuring them to take Addi to the witch doctor to get healed. Their family members said, "Your daughter is dying and you are just going to sit around and let her die?!" Victoria answered them, "Who is all-powerful? She is in God's hands."



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Be A Disciple, Make Disciples

Jesus was a rabbi and, of course, the most important peripatetic teacher and disciple-maker in history. Wherever He walked, His students would follow. At the beginning of Jesus’ public ministry, He chose particular individuals to be His disciples. They were required to memorize the teachings that He spoke as He walked. What’s more, people didn’t file an application to get into the School of Jesus. Jesus selected His disciples. He went to prospective disciples where they were, whether in the marketplace or at their place of work, and give this simple command: “Follow Me.” The command was literal—He called them to drop their present duties. They had to leave their work, their families, and their friends in order to follow Jesus.

Jesus was more than just a peripatetic teacher however. His disciples called Him “Master.” Their entire way of life changed because of their following Jesus not merely as a great teacher, but as the Lord of all. That’s the essence of discipleship—submitting fully to the authority of Christ, the One whose lordship goes beyond just the classroom. Jesus’ lordship encompasses all of life. The Greek philosophers learned from their teachers but then tried to improve on that teaching. Christ’s disciples have no such warrant. We are called to understand and teach only what God has revealed through Christ, including the Old Testament Scriptures, for they point to Christ; and the New Testament Scriptures, for they are the words of those Christ appointed to speak in His name.

The Great Commission is the call of Christ for His disciples to extend His authority over the whole world. We are to share the gospel with everyone so that more and more people might call Him Master. This calling is not simply a call to evangelism. Rather, Christ calls us to make disciples. Disciples are people who have committed in their hearts and minds to follow the thinking and conduct of the Master forever. Such discipleship is a lifelong experience.

When we’re involved in discipleship, we do not graduate until we get to heaven. Discipleship is a lifelong experience of learning the mind of Christ and following the will of Christ, submitting ourselves in complete obedience to His lordship. Thus, when Jesus tells us to go to all nations, we are to go into all the world with His agenda, not our own. The Great Commission calls us to flood this world with knowledgeable, articulate Christians who worship God and follow Jesus Christ passionately. By God’s grace, we want to help the church raise up a generation of people who are dedicated in heart and soul to the Master and His authority. We want to call people to obedience and to following Christ in their daily lives.

Source: “We’re Called to Make Disciples, not Simply Converts” by R.C. Sproul

KEY VERSE

Matthew 28:19 (NKJV)

“Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit ”

WEEKLY READINGS

Monday: Matthew 28:18-20; John 3:35-36; II Timothy 2:2

Introduction

1. In Matthew 28:18 Jesus said “All authority has been given to Me in heaven and on earth”. What does this mean when it comes to “Reaching Out To Neighbors And Nations?”
2. What does it mean to be a disciple who makes disciples?

Tuesday: Matthew 28:19a; Isaiah 66:18-19; Acts 28:28

We Have A Divine Mandate To Go

3. What does it mean to “go”? What are some ways you can fulfill the Great Commission as you go?
4. Rate your confidence level in sharing the Gospel. What are some reasons why you should be confident?

Wednesday: Matthew 28:20a; II Corinthians 5:17-21

We Have A Divine Message—The Bible

5. What message are you sharing with the world? How does it measure up with Scripture?
6. How have you seen the Gospel message change lives?

Thursday: Matthew 28:19b; Acts 14:21-22; Matthew 4:19-20

We Have A Divine Mission To Make Disciples

7. What does it mean to be a disciple? What does it mean to make a disciple?
8. What is the difference between someone making a decision for Christ and being a disciple for Christ?
9. Who in your life is teaching you to be a better disciple of Jesus? Who in your life are you teaching to be a disciple of Jesus?

Friday: Matthew 28:20b; Acts 1:8; Hebrews 13:6

We Have A Divine Mentor In Jesus

10. God has called you to participate in the Great Commission. What resources has He given you to complete the task?
11. How does the Holy Spirit provide power in your life? How does the Holy Spirit impact your witnessing?
12. What steps will you take to help fulfill the Great Commission?