

## **LIVING OUT THE GREAT COMMISSION**

*"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

### **REFLECTION**

Some of us would ask the Lord for a verse for a special event or a particular season in life. I am one of those who would ask from the Lord. Matthew 28:19, also referred to as The Great Commission, was my wedding verse and I often asked the Lord how my husband and I could live out this verse in our marriage. I thought maybe it meant that we are to raise our kids to be disciples of Christ or we are to run small groups as a couple in our home. However, years into our marriage and none of these possibilities happened. As I reflected on our marriage, I felt the Lord impressing upon my heart not to focus on the "form" of disciple-making but the "being" of a disciple-marker. I thought how cliché is that?

Yet, as I continue to wait upon the Lord, I began to recall how our daily actions and decisions have impacted people in more ways, and continue to do so, than we are aware of. Instead of waiting for the right time or right opportunities, our reactions to temptation, responses to painful life situations or replies to hurtful words are all opportunities to "go and make disciple", to be Christ-like. Unfortunately, we tend to find out what these impacts are only much later during unlikely conversations. We don't always see the making in the being of each moment.

This familiar verse that we read today gives a very clear instruction to all of us, Christians are to go and make disciples. The means of disciple-making is not only in programmes and processes we take others through but also in our being the Lord's disciples. How do you intend to live out this familiar verse in your life today? Would you make this your life verse?

### **PRAYER**

*Loving and gracious Father, your Commission to us is clear. We are to go and make disciples of all nations. Let our response to you be clear as well, Lord. Use our lives, every thought, word and deed to make disciples for your name sake. Amen.*

### **SUPPLICATION**

- How are you living as a disciple of Christ, in your attitude, thought, conduct, speech and deeds? Is the Lord evident in your life choices and actions? Take the time to talk to Him about your hopes and struggles.
- Who are you discipling currently? Say a special prayer for them and yourself today. Ask the Lord for wisdom and grace as you continue in this discipleship journey.
- Who are the people in your sphere of influence? Are there interactions with your family members, friends or co-workers that you can turn into disciple-making moments? Ask the Lord for increased awareness and sensitivity to the movement of the Holy Spirit in your life.
- Are you facing any difficulties in saying yes to "Go and make disciples"? Take time today and wait upon the Lord, ask the Holy Spirit to reveal to you what these hindrances may be, ask the Lord for breakthrough, strength and perseverance as you overcome these difficulties.
- Are there boundaries that you have knowingly or unknowingly set to demarcate when, how or what discipleship will look like? Ask the Lord if there is a need to redefine these understandings. As He reveals let us pray for our hearts to be good soil that will bear much fruit for the Lord.

*"...And surely I am with you always,  
to the very end of the age."*

Matthew 28:20

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