

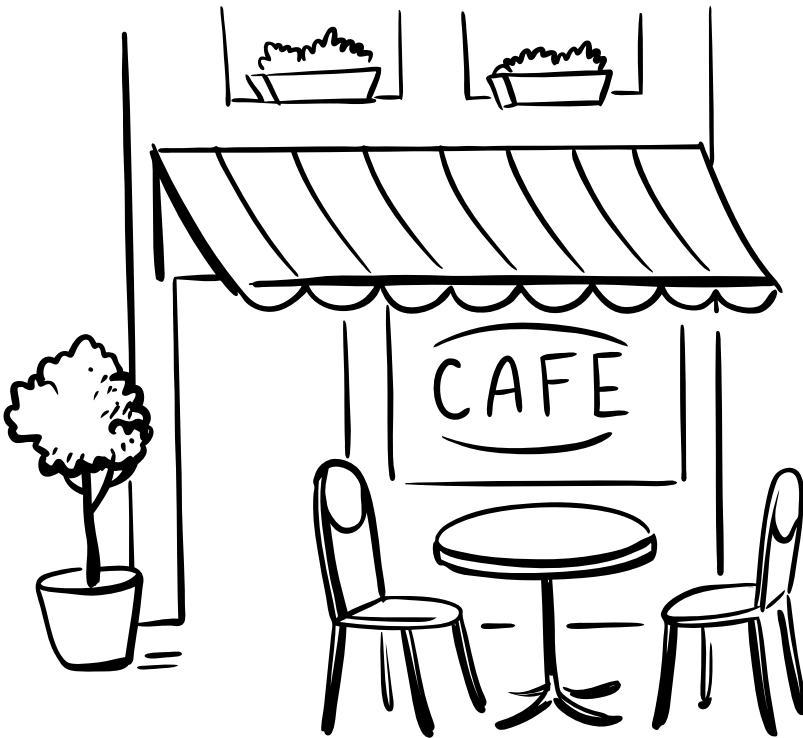


SACRED CONVERSATIONS

Evangelize.

GROUP/FAMILY SESSION 1

- Watch the sermon titled: *Go, Christian!* on Jesse Campbell Ministries YouTube Channel;
- Apply your life to the Bible alongside your group or family with these honest questions;
- Dive deeper into the text through Devotions 588-593 (podcast/video) and share them with the one you're discipling.



This Week's Sermon expositis Matthew 28:18-20 and more
Devotions 588-593 (podcast/video) cover Matthew 28:18-20
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ICE-BREAKER;

Those promptings from the Spirit to bring the gospel into conversation are divine appointments known before the foundations of the earth. This week's devotions elaborate upon a life spent keeping in step with the Holy Spirit. Get ready for the most high-stakes game of "Simon Says" you've ever played in your life. Assuming that you are a Christian, you have the Spirit. Because you have the Spirit, you have confessed Jesus is Lord. Because Jesus is Lord, we're going to go where the Spirit tells us this week.

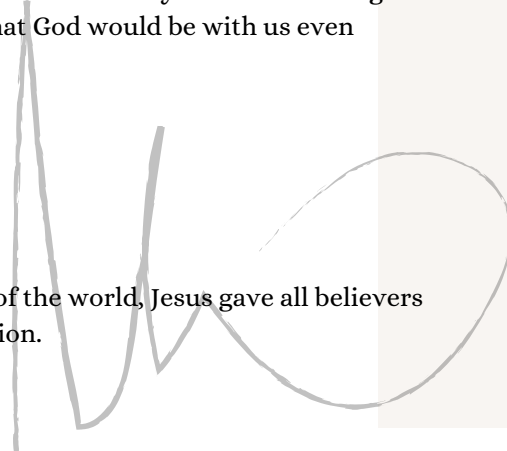
CONTEXT

This series is intended to immediately follow JCM's verse-by-verse study of the Gospel of Matthew titled "Fulfillment." As such, references will be made to the previous study assuming group members' understanding of Matthew.

The very purpose for your vocation, your relationships, your acquaintanceships, your conversations, your social media presence, and even your "random" encounters rests upon the words of God in this text. The final words of the Gospel of Matthew are the final words for our lives' trajectories. This is our eternal purpose and it points our very lives and the directions of our Church heavenward. The very last words of the very last words change everything for us. They were a promise that God would be with us even through the end of the world.

THE BIG IDEA OF THE TEXT

Promising to be with us through the end of the world, Jesus gave all believers across all generations the Great Commission.



CONNECTING THE SESSION TO THE SERMON

Both the sermon and the session cover the Great Commission - the final words of the Gospel of Matthew. These words from Jesus set the very trajectory for our lives. Are you looking for God's will? I (Jesse) guarantee that this is the biggest part of it. You will see the eternal purpose for your vocation, the heavenly significance of even trivial relationships, and the gospel-laden potential of every conversation you have.

The resurrected Jesus gave these words before ascending to heaven the opening of the Book of Acts. What greater purpose could there be for your life than these words from God?

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Matthew 28:16 The eleven disciples traveled to Galilee, to the mountain where Jesus had directed them. 17 When they saw him, they worshiped, but some doubted. 18 Jesus came near and said to them, “All authority has been given to me in heaven and on earth. 19 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, 20 teaching them to observe everything I have commanded you. And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age.”

APPLYING OUR LIVES TO THE TEXT TOGETHER

- How far you willing to go in answering the Great Commission? What is your threshold whereupon it's no longer worth it to you?
 - Encourage candor in this conversation and, instead of stifling or shaming those who answer honestly, commend their authenticity. May this question be a gut-check for the group. Lead the way.
- Verse 17 reveals something shocking: even face-to-face with the resurrected Jesus, some disciples doubted. How is this possible?
 - Miraculous signs and wonders are amazing, but they are not enough for some people. Ultimately, we walk by faith (2 Cor. 5:7).
- We heard the Father, saw the Spirit, and beheld the Son at the baptism of Jesus in Matthew 3. Why is the Spirit so vital to baptism?
 - Set up the next question with this one. Baptisms have a way of creating other baptisms. To share in Christ's burial and resurrection symbolically through baptism (Rom. 6:1-5) inspires the gospel visually in people's hearts.
- If you have been to a baptism before, share the most memorable one you have ever seen. Then, describe your baptism if you have been baptized.
- Describe the link between verse 20's command to teach all that God commanded and inviting friends to church.
 - "Come and See" evangelism, like the woman at the well in John 4, is the easiest kind of evangelism there is. At the very least, just inviting someone to church with you brings them to where they can hear the gospel. We should be ready at all times to give a reason for the hope we have (1 Pet 3:15), but inviting people to church is inevitable any way. This is why our curriculum moves book-by-book through the Bible.
- Biggest question of all: what is going to change this coming week in light of this week's sermon and the final words of verse 20?
 - Lead the way in this. Before group starts, prayerfully consider your own willingness to put your job on the line. Set a tone for authenticity that resonates what started with question 1.

THE TAKEAWAY: SO WHAT, CHURCH?

We will make disciples of all nations, knowing that the Holy Spirit is with us through the end. We will simply obey Jesus' final words in the Gospel of Matthew, seizing the sacred conversations as they arise this week and sharing stories with the group for prayer, accountability, and support.

Journal prayer requests and keep track of all that God has done. Don't forget to keep record of attendance and designate someone to "in-reach," reaching out to group members you have not seen in awhile. Encourage your group to subscribe to our devotions so that we are all aligned next week. Thanks for leading! Your labor in the Lord is never in vain (1 Cor. 15:58).

FOR PARENTS: SHOW YOUR KIDS JESUS IN THIS PASSAGE

The last thing Jesus said in the Gospel of Matthew was, "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, teaching them to observe everything I have commanded you. And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age (Matt 28:18-20)." These words are called "The Great Commission" because Jesus put all of us to work, commissioning us, to make disciples of all nations.

The Great Commission is the engine that literally makes the church *go*. So, we will obey when the Holy Spirit gives us opportunities to speak up about the gospel and actually invite people to become Christians.

This is the most important thing in our lives. It is a worthy calling that gives eternal purpose to our jobs, our relationships with our neighbors, and even little online conversations.

FOLLOW ALONG

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