

MAKE DISCIPLES: KINGDOM PEOPLE

For three years Jesus has been “discipling” the twelve he called to be with him. They have walked with him, listened to his teaching, watched his interactions with so many different people and had private times when he has shared his heart. Now it is their turn. After Jesus’ resurrection he sends them a message to meet him in Galilee—away from the chaos of Jerusalem, where the disciples are being falsely accused of stealing his body. (See Matthew 28:11-15)

Matthew 28:16-20

¹⁶ Now the eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain to which Jesus had directed them. ¹⁷ And when they saw him they worshipped him, but some doubted. ¹⁸ And Jesus came and said to them, “All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. 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 all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age.”

Luke 4:5-8

⁵ And the devil took him up and showed him all the kingdoms of the world in a moment of time, ⁶ and said to him, “To you I will give all this authority and their glory, for it has been delivered to me, and I give it to whom I will. ⁷ If you, then, will worship me, it will all be yours.” ⁸ And Jesus answered him, “It is written, “You shall worship the Lord your God, and him only shall you serve.”

1 John 5:19

¹⁹ We know that we are from God, and the whole world lies in the power of the evil one.

READ Matthew 28:16-20. Mark references to Jesus with a and mark “all / always” with a

V16-17 How did the disciples react when they met Jesus? What does this tell us about them?

Doubted—1365—mentally to waiver in opinion

V18-20 Make a list on the word “all / always”. What does this tell you about Jesus mission?

This week we will focus on the first “all” statement.

Authority—1849—power, privilege, influence, to do as one pleases, rule, government.

V18 What is the scope of Jesus’ authority?

Did Jesus not always have this authority?

READ Luke 4:5-8. Mark Jesus with a and the devil with a 

V5-6 What does the devil show to Jesus and offer him? What does he tell him about authority?

V7 What price is he charging for his offer? How does Jesus respond?

READ 1 John 5:19. Mark “evil one” with a 

What do we learn about the Satan’s authority? In what ways do we see the outworking of this today?

In what way does Jesus overcome Satan and regain his authority?

Hebrews 2:14-15

¹⁴ Since therefore the children share in flesh and blood, he himself likewise partook of the same things, that through death he might destroy the one who has the power of death, that is, the devil, ¹⁵ and deliver all those who through fear of death were subject to lifelong slavery.

Philippians 2:8-11

⁸ And being found in human form, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross. ⁹ Therefore God has highly exalted him and bestowed on him the name that is above every name, ¹⁰ so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, ¹¹ and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

Colossians 1:13-14

¹³ He has delivered us from the domain of darkness and transferred us to the kingdom of his beloved Son, ¹⁴ in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

Matthew 6:9-10

⁹ Pray then like this:

“Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name.

¹⁰ Your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.

READ Hebrews 2:14-15. Mark Jesus (he) with a and mark the devil with a 

How is the devil described and in what way does that impact on us?

What did Jesus do and list the two things that he wanted to accomplish?

READ Philippians 2:8-11. Mark Jesus (he) with a

Make a list of what you learn about Jesus.

V9 What happened as a result of Jesus death and is true of Jesus today?

V10 Where will Jesus be worshipped ultimately?

How do these verses connect with and expand our understanding of the great commission?

READ Colossians 1:13-14. mark us / we with a

Make a list of what you learn about “us”.

Under whose authority do we now live?

Reflect: We are now under the governance of one who has been given all authority in heaven and on earth. How should knowing this impact on our day to day living? Let’s look at some passages from the Sermon in the Mount where Jesus is teaching about the kingdom of God.

READ Matthew 6:9-10. Underline the instructions and mark “kingdom” with a **K**

Where does Jesus teach us to focus first as we pray?

Matthew 7:19-21

¹⁹“Do not lay up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust destroy and where thieves break in and steal, ²⁰but lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust destroys and where thieves do not break in and steal. ²¹For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

Matthew 6:31-33

³¹Therefore do not be anxious, saying, ‘What shall we eat?’ or ‘What shall we drink?’ or ‘What shall we wear?’ ³²For the Gentiles seek after all these things, and your heavenly Father knows that you need them all. ³³But seek first the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be added to you.

Revelation 1:12-18

¹²Then I turned to see the voice that was speaking to me, and on turning I saw seven golden lampstands, ¹³and in the midst of the lampstands one like a son of man, clothed with a long robe and with a golden sash around his chest. ¹⁴The hairs of his head were white, like white wool, like snow. His eyes were like a flame of fire, ¹⁵his feet were like burnished bronze, refined in a furnace, and his voice was like the roar of many waters. ¹⁶In his right hand he held seven stars, from his mouth came a sharp two-edged sword, and his face was like the sun shining in full strength.

¹⁷When I saw him, I fell at his feet as though dead. But he laid his right hand on me, saying, “Fear not, I am the first and the last, ¹⁸and the living one. I died, and behold I am alive forevermore, and I have the keys of Death and Hades.

What would it look like for us to invite the kingdom of God to come in our personal lives, our home, our church, and our everyday work?

READ Matthew 7:19-21. Again underline the instructions and mark “heaven” with a K

How would you define your treasure?

Where should we be investing? How does this impact on our heart?

“Two books will indicate where you are making the most investment: your diary and your cheque book.” Rico Tice

How true do you think this is?

READ Matthew 7:31-33. Again underline the instructions and mark “kingdom” with a K

What comfort is there in being in God’s kingdom?

How can we daily seek first God’s kingdom and righteousness?

In the book of the Revelation of Jesus Christ, John is given a glimpse of Jesus as he is now: exalted and watching over his church.

READ Revelation 1:12-18 slowly and remind yourself that this is the One whose kingdom you now belong to.

How important is it for us as disciples of Jesus to understand who he is and to submit to his authority?

Based on what you have studied today, what is a fitting response?

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This resource has been designed to allow you to jump into God's Word and study it closely. It requires no preparation, and provides you with a structure to study a passage, with questions to help you think and reflect on it.

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Understand - What does the text mean?

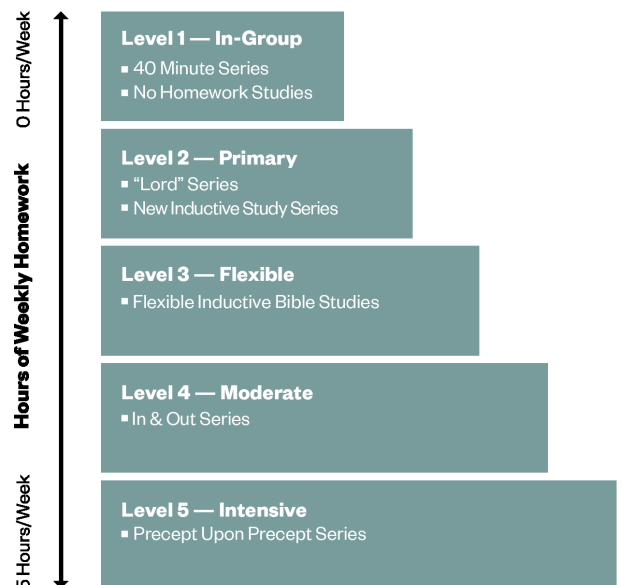
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