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*Building on 100 years of life change
in Jesus.*

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OUTSIDE OF CHURCH SETTINGS, WE DON'T HEAR THE WORD "DISCIPLESHIP" VERY OFTEN. THE TERM DISCIPLE LITERALLY MEANS "LEARNER." THIS IS MORE THAN INTELLECTUAL KNOWLEDGE. TRUE DISCIPLESHIP INVOLVES HAVING OUR LIVES MOLDED INTO THE WAY OF JESUS IN OUR THOUGHTS, ACTIONS, AND WORDS. IT IS AN APPRENTICESHIP TO JESUS THAT IS MODELED BY ONE GENERATION AND PASSED ON TO THE NEXT. THE GREAT COMMISSION IS INTENDED TO MOVE THE CHURCH FORWARD UNTIL THE DAY WHEN EVERY PEOPLE GROUP AROUND THE WORLD KNOWS WHAT IT MEANS TO FOLLOW JESUS.

1. Take a few moments to think about the people who have made the most significant impact on your life. What made them special?
2. Dallas Willard famously said, "Discipleship is the process of becoming who Jesus would be if he were you." What stands out to you about this quote?
3. Read Matthew 28:16-20. What words or phrases stand out the most to you?
4. Matthew 28:17 describes the emotional state of the disciples when they saw Jesus. Some of them worshipped, and some of them doubted. So, where would you place yourself on that continuum today?
5. Jesus goes on to say, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me." (Matthew 28:18) This reminds us that **discipleship is counter-cultural**. How does reading this challenge the way you see the world?
6. Matthew 28:19 begins by telling us, "Therefore go and make disciples of all nations." "Go" is an active verb. It can literally be translated "as you are going." "Make disciples" is the central command of the entire passage. "All nations" literally means every ethnic group. When all of these are placed together, we see that **discipleship is intentional**. Which word stands out most to you, "go," "make," or "nations"? Why?

7. Jesus continues by saying, “baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and the Holy Spirit and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you.” Baptizing and teaching both require physical presence. This tells us that discipleship is relational. Who are some of the people God has placed in your life whom you might learn from? Who are some of the people God has placed in your life whom you might mentor?

8. Jesus ends with a promise, “And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age.” How does this promise encourage you?

9. How might Jesus be inviting you into a deeper level of discipleship?