



DIGGING DEEPER

Matthew 28v16-20 – Bible-Shaped

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GETTING STARTED

Why is it important to remind ourselves of those things that shape our practice and our behaviour? (ie our 'values')

Do you think our 4 values are a good summary of what underpin our life and ministry as a local church family?

Go back and read Acts chapter 2v42-46. What do you notice about those things that shaped the life of the early church?

1) OUR MISSION – MAKING DISCIPLES

Why is the '**mountain**' in Galilee an appropriate setting for these famous last words?

The primary command in the great commission is to **make disciples**. Who are you discipling today for the sake of the generation tomorrow?

What are you doing to help them grow up to be more like Jesus?

2) OUR METHOD – GOING, BAPTISING, TEACHING

Consider each of those commands and talk about where you feel the challenge most...

How important is physical baptism?

'We cannot make disciples of Christ unless we teach the words of Christ.'

Discuss the statement above...

What could you change in your own daily routine, as you seek to be increasingly shaped by the word of God? Chat through the 4 challenges below...

- 1) PREPARE to hear God's word on a Sunday
- 2) MEDITATE on God's word through the week
- 3) TALK about God's word with others
- 4) COMMIT God's word to memory

How does the final promise of Jesus in v20 both encourage you and challenge you?

Meditate on the words of the Jesus below...

Matthew 28v19-20: Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptising them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, ²⁰and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age.'