

October 26-November 1, 2025

A stop along the journey to study, share, and support one another while we learn the way of Jesus.

## This Week's Big Idea:

We are disciples of Jesus who make disciples of Jesus.

## Scripture and Study:

**KEY TEXT:** Matthew 28:16-20 Click here to access this week's scripture

Jesus's final command to his 11 disciples was to go and make disciples. It's a command to duplicate which results in multiplication. According to the World Bank there are approximately 8,142,000,000 people on earth today. Let's take a few minutes to do the math, assuming in their lifetime every disciple makes 3 more disciples, starting with the original 11 disciples, how many generations would it take to get to 8 billion?

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Here's a spreadsheet to make it simpler: <a href="https://tinyurl.com/6w5cd32h">https://tinyurl.com/6w5cd32h</a>

Was Jesus good at math? Why?

Making disciples is much more nuanced than a simple mathematical formula, but when Jesus commanded his disciples to make disciples of "all nations" we believe he meant it. And if the math works out, we have the ability to make disciples of all nations in a much quicker timeframe than we may think. There have been approximately 80 generations between when Jesus gave this command until today... and our math would say it should have only taken \_\_\_\_\_ number of generations to reach the whole world. According to Haggai International, there are currently 2.2 billion people who have not heard the good news of Jesus.

## **Discussion Questions:**

- What is the missing link?
- Why is this true?
- Take a minute to discuss these questions.

Read Luke 6:39-42

- What should our first step be when thinking about discipling others?
- Does having a "plank" in my eye disqualify me from discipling others?
- What do you think is Jesus' message to you in this parable?

## Apply It:

- If Jesus' command is for us to make disciples, let's do it:
- Who is discipling you? Make a list of 1-3 people you are being discipled by:
  Who are you actively discipling?
- If you struggled to fill in these blanks, ask God to give you some names, and pursue those friendships.
- Look at your list. Make plans to reach out to these people today and continue Jesus' command in your life.