



CELL GUIDE

TOPIC Journey of a Disciple – Part 2

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THEME Discipleship – Matthew 28:18–20

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MESSAGE SUMMARY

INTRODUCTION

What is Jesus' model of discipleship? How can we apply Jesus' model to fulfil the Great Commission of making disciples of all nations? In this week's sermon, DSP Chua Seng Lee expounds on Jesus' last words in Matthew 28:18-20 and shares what discipleship involves – from knowing the source of discipleship, to understanding the scope of it, to complying with the commands given in scriptures, and lastly, to know from whom we draw our strength.

Key Passage - Matthew 28:18-20

And Jesus came up and spoke to them, saying, "All authority has been given to Me in heaven and on earth. Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age."

What does Discipleship involve?

1. All Authority – The Source for Discipleship

In V16-17, the 11 disciples went to the mountain at Galilee, as Jesus had directed. When the disciples saw Jesus, they worshipped him but some were doubtful as they wondered if the man they saw was really Jesus.

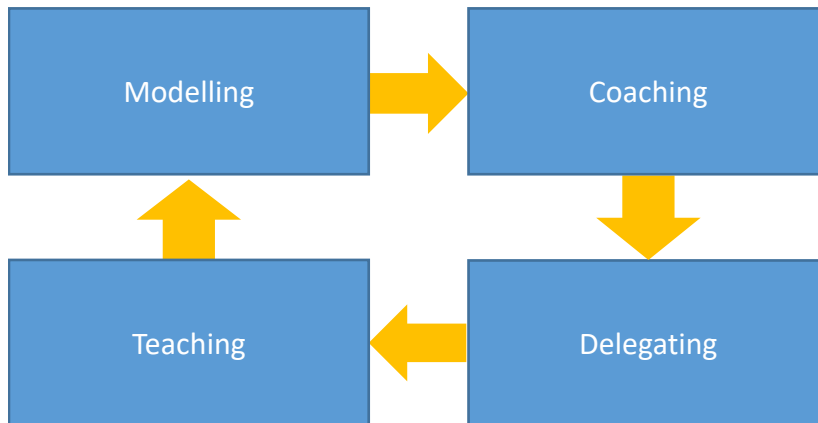
Jesus then assured the disciples in V18 that all authority had been given to him in heaven and on earth. Knowing that the one who called us has been given all authority would give disciples then and now, the courage to overcome doubts and thereby fulfilling the Great Commission.

2. All Nations – The Scope of Discipleship: Cultural Adaptation

DSP shared that out of the 51 ethnicities in Singapore, there were 21 groups in which the gospel has not reached. But before we can reach out to share the gospel with these groups, there is a need to show that we care by learning and understanding these cultures, knowing how their culture impacts their lives as well as adapting to it before we share the gospel. The same goes for our family members. Only through adapting to their cultures will we be able to reveal Jesus in their lives/cultures.

3. All Commands – The Scripture for Discipleship: Compliance Emphasised

As disciples, we are taught to obey, apply, and put into practice all of God’s commands. But how do we do so? DSP shared about Jesus’ model in discipleship:



In Jesus’ model to discipleship, Jesus first taught the disciples about the Kingdom of God (Teaching). He then went on to model to the disciples through healing as part of the agenda of the Kingdom of God (Modelling). Thereafter, he explained about the parables (Coaching) and lastly, he delegated the disciples to preach the Kingdom of God (Delegating).

4. Always With Us – The Strength for Discipleship: Change and Comfort

DSP reminds us that we are never alone when we go and make new disciples as God’s presence will always be with us when we do so. Knowing that God is always with us will give us the strength to go forth.

CONCLUSION

In closing, DSP shared that Christianity is not just about being a spectator and that we are all accountable to the Lord for our spiritual growth. Christ has called us to rise up and make a difference today by going forth to make disciples. He has also promised that he will be with us when we do so. What is God calling you to obey today and will you be a willing vessel for his kingdom?

QUESTIONS

1. In Matthew 28:18-20, Jesus said that all authority has been given to Him in heaven and on earth has been given to Him. What are some things you can think of that Jesus has authority over? Why is this assurance from Jesus important to the disciples then and to believers today?

2. Jesus commands us to go and make disciples of all nations (Matthew 28:19). For most of us who are not missionaries, we can start with our "nations" of close contacts (eg. family, friends, colleagues, neighbours).

What does this command reveal about God's calling for believers? What are some obstacles affecting your sharing the gospel with close contacts? What changes in attitude and priorities are you willing to make so that you can share the gospel more effectively?

3. In view of the upcoming festive period, discuss your outreach plans as a cell. Are there people/groups that you'd like to reach out to?