



The Story of God God Sends

Opening Prayer:

Dear God, thank you for inviting us into your purposes. Please guide our discussion and help us to orient our lives around you and your will. In Jesus' Name we pray. Amen.

Ice Breaker: How do you see God using you to “go and make disciples” in your workplace, neighborhood or friends? Do you see God using you where He has placed you to accomplish this?

“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.” Matthew 28:19

1. “Go Therefore”

Discuss the two reasons to obey this command:

- Jesus has all authority (Matt. 28:18)
- Jesus is with us (Matt. 28:20)

Share examples of how these two truths give us courage to share our faith.

2. “Make Disciples”

Discuss any planning you have made around this command (e.g.- Acts 13:2- plans were made). Share some ideas of how we can be more intentional in making disciples. (see also 2 Tim. 2:2).

3. “Baptizing”

The Bible describes NT believers being baptized to illustrate the death and resurrection of Christ (Col. 2:12) and to illustrate our new lives in Christ:

“By our baptism then, we were buried with Him and shared in His death, in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead...so also we may live a new life.” Romans 6:4

If you have been baptized, share your experience of marking the moment and learning to live a new kind of life- following Jesus.

4. “...all nations...”

Discuss our context in Lancaster. What questions do people have? How can we come alongside others to help them find the way to Christ?

Application

Pray for some people by name who are currently lost.

Challenge: Memorize Matthew 28:19 “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.”

Message Outline

A. “Go therefore”

“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.”

Matthew 28:19 (Memory Verse)

1. The Reason for “Go”

2. The Story of “Go”

Death/Resurrection

Commission

Ascension

Acts 1:14

“All these with one accord were devoting themselves to prayer, together with the women and Mary the mother of Jesus, and his brothers.”

2. The Story of “Go”

Death/Resurrection

Commission

Ascension

Pentecost

New Era of Salvation

Persecution

Conversion of Saul

B. Make Disciples

“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.”

Matthew 28:19

1. Planned efforts bathed in prayer.

“Set apart for me Barnabas and Saul for the work to which I have called them.” Acts 13:2

Bless List

- B- Be praying
- L- Listen
- E- Eat with
- S- Serve
- S- Share the good news

2. Recruit- Train- Deploy

2 Timothy 2:2

"...and what you have heard from me in the presence of many witnesses entrust to faithful men, who will be able to teach others also."

C. Baptizing

"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."

Matthew 28:19

Acts 2:42

"Those who believed and accepted his message were baptized."

1. Baptism Illustrates Jesus' Burial and Resurrection

Colossians 2:12

"For when you were baptized, you were buried with Christ, and in baptism you were also raised with Christ."

2. Baptism Illustrates Your New Life

Romans 6:4

"By our baptism then, we were buried with Him and shared in His death, in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead...so also we may live a new life."

D. All nations

"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."

Matthew 28:19

1. Why do you ask?

2. Identify with their pain & broken trust.

3. Share your story of pain. Share out of your weakness.

Q1. How can I believe in a God who created hell?

Q2. How can you be so arrogant to think you alone know the only way to God?

Q3. How can you be so unloving as to reject the homosexual lifestyle?

Q4. Why are there so many Christians who are hypocrites?

Prayer

1. Confess your tendency to do your will and not consider God's will.

2. Ask God to give you an opportunity this week to share your faith.
3. Pray for, by name, people you know who are not yet born again.