

Sermon on the Mount Sermon Series: Week of June 4, 2022

2023 Aim Check-in

- Becoming disciples who make disciples, who make disciples.
- Creating a community of faith that meaningfully engages our community of residence.
- 1. In the time since you last met as a H2H group, have you made any movement towards the aims we've set for 2023?
- 2. How might we as a H2H group help support or encourage you towards these aims?

Discussion Questions Set #1

"Then the eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain where Jesus had told them to go. When they saw him, they worshiped him; but some doubted. Then Jesus came to them and said, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age." (Matthew 28:16-20)

"God raised [Jesus] from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly places, far above all rule and authority and power and dominion, and above every name that is named, not only in this age but also in the one to come". (Ephesians 1:20–21)

"[God] chose us in [Christ] before the creation of the world to be holy and blameless in his sight (Ephesians 1:4) and "we are God's handiwork, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do" (Ephesians 2:10).

- 1. Discuss the difference between a commandment and a commission. Why is viewing this as a commission helpful/encouraging?
- 2. We often sing of Christ's supreme authority, but what does it mean to you that the Great Commission was given out of this all-surpassing authority? Theological discussion aside, do you envision yourself fulfilling the Great Commission as one whom He commissions out of His prime authority? What difference might understanding this make to one's confidence or motivation?
- 3. Why is it significant that we do not engage in the Great Commission alone, but as co-laborers with Christ and His Spirit? Do you think we often engage as though this were really true? How might recognising yourself as one in a unique partnership with Christ change your engagement in the Great Commission?
- 4. How might Ephesians 1:4 and 2:10 change our engagement in fulfilling the Great Commission? What difference does recognizing our "chosen-ness" make?
- 5. If the Great Commission is something then that Jesus invites us into out of His full authority and sovereignty, ought we not view it as something we "get to do" and not something we "have to do"? Do you think this is generally understood/applied in churches today?

Discussion Questions Set #2

- 1. Do you understand that the main goal of the Great Commission is to make disciples? How great a reality is disciple-making in your following of Jesus?
- 2. Discuss the following three aspects of being/making a disciple:
 - a. Someone who is following Jesus
 - b. Someone who is being changed by Jesus
 - c. Someone who is committed to the mission of Jesus
- 3. Which of the previous three aspects of being/making a disciple is easiest for you? Which poses the greatest challenge to you?
- 4. Discuss this quote from AW Tozer "only a disciple can make a disciple". Why is this important to understand?

