

As We Go *“Always on the Go”*

PREPARATION

- Familiarize yourself with this Study Guide.
- If you missed it, watch the sermon online [HERE](#).
- Spend some time in prayer before your group gathers.
- As a leader you **always** have the option to use some or all the questions and/or prepare your own questions.
- Review the learning objective to focus the conversation, read the primary scriptures as a group, summarize the main points, ask the questions, and use supporting texts to enhance the concepts.

DISCUSSION

Opening Prayer: (1-5 minutes)

In light of what God is saying through this week’s message, here’s some suggestions of how your group can invite God into your time together.

Thank the Lord for His sovereign power and authority as king over heaven and earth! Pray that the Holy Spirit would soften our hearts to the commandment Jesus has given us to go and make disciples right where we are. Finally, thank our Father for sending the Holy Spirit to be with us intimately as we go until the end of the age!

Discussion: (30 minutes)

What’s Going on This Week

This Sunday, Pastor Danny led us into the second week of our new series titled *As We Go*. Pastor Danny focused our attention on the Great Commission in Matthew 28:18-20. Specifically, Danny drew our attention to the word *Go* and explained that in order to participate in the Great Commission where we are in the Bay Area, our first step is to realize that our mere existence in the places that we go throughout our schedule are radically affected simply because we are filled with the Spirit of God.

“When it comes to participating in the Great Commission, moving intentionally throughout a lost world is half the battle.”– Pastor Danny Strange

Suggested Questions

Check-In: *Focus on Matthew 28:18-20* – Last week, our discussion revolved around what it means when Jesus tells his disciples that all authority on heaven and earth has been given to him and that he is with us until the end of the age. In what ways were you able to experience this reality this week and what did Jesus teach you by focusing on his presence?

Study Tip: While many English translations of the Bible depict the first word of the Great Commission *Go* as an imperative (a command), the Greek translation is not quite as clear. The Greek word for *go* here is a participle. You might recognize participles in English as words that are formed by using a verb (in this case *Go*) and adding “-ing” (in this case *Going*). However, many scholars have pointed out that *Go* may in fact draw its imperative, commanding tone from the main verb in the sentence. In this case, our main verb is the imperative to *Make Disciples*. Whether you interpret this word as *Go!* or *As you go* (“*going*”), we must never lose sight of Jesus’ command to make disciples. As you study this week, keep in mind that making disciples will require us to take a step of faith...and go!

- **Objective #1: Align with the vision of the Great Commission as understood by the disciples.**

Primary Texts: Acts 1:1-2:13 – Pastor Danny begins his sermon by personally reflecting on his typical day in the Bay Area in order to show how many of us are “*going*” right where we are. Pastor Danny compares our local movements and ministry to how the early disciples responded to Jesus’ Great Commission when they became ministers in Jerusalem and allowed the Spirit to guide them. What stands out to you in the opening passages of Acts as it pertains to the word *Go* in the Great Commission and how do you believe these passages apply to your life today?

Supporting Texts: (Peter) Acts 5:1-15 (James) Acts 15:12-21, 21:17-19; Gal.1:18-20 (John) Acts 3:1-10, 4:1-31 (Philip) Acts 8

- **Objective #2: Explore unique opportunities to be salt and light in the community.**

Primary Texts –Matthew 5:13-16; Philippians 2:12-18 – Next, Pastor Danny uses concepts from these passages to illustrate that the church is called to be salt and light in our community as we go. Pastor Danny points out that salt does not need to do anything but exist to preserve everything that it touches while Jesus specifically calls us to be light by doing good works. Without discounting actual gospel conversations (coming next week), in what opportunities could you become salt and light in your community? How can you increase your awareness of your role as salt and light as you go?

Supporting Texts: 1 Pet. 3:15; 1 Tim. 3:15; Jn. 8:12; Eph. 5:1-13;

- **Objective #3: Plan spiritual disciplines that will increase your awareness of the Holy Spirit.**

Primary Texts – Acts 2:41-47, 4:31-35, 5:12-16; 1 Corinthians 6:19-20 : Finally, Pastor Danny challenges the church to become more aware of all the places we go and how impactful it is that we bring Jesus with us through the Holy Spirit just like the early church. In what ways do you desire to increase your awareness of your role as a temple of the Holy Spirit as you go into your community this week? How can we pray for this awareness?

Closing Prayer: (5-15 minutes)

In light of what God is saying through this week's message, here's some suggestions of what your group could talk about with God in prayer.

Thank Jesus for dying on the cross for our sins and reigning over all of heaven and earth! Thank the Holy Spirit for dwelling in us as we go into our community to share the Love of Jesus! Finally, pray that the eyes of our hearts would be open to those who need the gospel around us and remind us that we have the Spirit of boldness in us not of timidity!

THROUGHOUT THE WEEK

-Further Reading and Exploration! *Read Acts 1-12 / 13-28:* If you want to see how the disciples followed through on the Great Commission, the book of Acts is for you! As you read this exciting segment of scripture pay special attention to the human emotions that flow through the disciples as they try and figure out how to fulfill Jesus' command to them. Additionally, follow the traces of the Holy Spirit and watch for everything that he is doing to spread the gospel of Jesus in the early church!

- Find out how to pray for two people in your group this week! Pray that they would continue to find new ways to experience God's grace as they look to go out into their community!

- Sign-Ups for the New Community Group Season begin January 26th, 2020! If you have any questions, feel free to email AJ at avanegas@3crosses.org