

Vision & Mission

Key Scriptures

Matt. 28:18-20 ¹⁸ And Jesus came and spoke to them, saying, "All authority has been given to Me in heaven and on earth. ¹⁹ "Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, ²⁰ "teaching them to observe all things that I have commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age." Amen.

2 Tim. 2:2 ² And the things that you have heard from me among many witnesses, commit these to faithful men who will be able to teach others also.

Acts 1:8 ⁸ "But you shall receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall be witnesses to Me in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth."

Matt. 16:18 ¹⁸ And I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it.

Key Point:

All of us are commanded to make more and better disciples of Jesus Christ.

TALK IT OVER

Start talking: Pick a conversation starter for your group.

- What are the first things that come to your mind when you hear the word "followers?"

Start thinking. Ask a question to get your group thinking.

- While Matthew 28:18-20 is the "go to" text to discuss what the mission is in the church, there are many other passages that are similar. Read the passages included on this sheet, and discuss: what are the similarities about all of them? What unique things stand out?
- In Matthew 16:15-18, Jesus takes the responsibility for building His church. How does this coincide with His command and the responsibility we have to make disciples?

Start sharing. Choose a question to create openness.

- What are the things that make Grace Point Church unique and different from other churches?
- In your own words, what do you think it means to be a disciple of Jesus Christ? Why?
- Have you ever had someone personally disciple you in your Christian life? If so what was that like? What things would you pass on to others? What would you not pass on?
- Have you ever taken the time to disciple another person? If so, what was your experience like? If not, why not?

Start praying. Be bold and pray with power.

- Pray that God would help you grow as a disciple, and that he would enable you to be involved in discipling someone else.

Start doing. Commit to a step and live it out this week!

- Each of us should be involved in a discipleship relationship, whether we are doing the training or the learning, or a little of both. Who can you invite to be involved in this kind of relationship?