

## Make Disciples

**Key Passages:** Matthew 28:18-20; Colossians 2:6-10

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### BELONG

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**Ice Breaker Question:** If you could instantly become fluent in any language to better share the Gospel, what language would you choose and why?

*Leader Notes: Encourage participants to be creative and share personally. The goal is to create a relaxed atmosphere and connect the idea of language and communication to sharing the Gospel. Emphasize that everyone's contribution is valuable and sets the stage for exploring how we each play a role in God's mission.*

*Jesus' command is clear: "Make disciples of all nations." This week, we focus on what it means to follow His call, to be rooted in His authority, and to actively live out a life that makes disciples. Remember, we are not simply called to follow Jesus—we're called to lead others into His kingdom. As Pastor Danny reminds us, Jesus is building an upside-down kingdom on earth, one where service, sacrifice, and genuine connection redefine leadership. Let's dig in and review some of the principles from the sermon.*

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### BELIEVE

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**Read Matthew 28:18-20 and Colossians 2:6-10.**

- 1. Pastor Danny stated that Jesus is building His upside-down kingdom on earth. What do you think he means by "upside-down kingdom," and how is that reflected in Jesus being a different kind of king?**

*Leader Notes: Prompt the group to consider Jesus's authority (Matthew 28:18) and how He exercised it through service and sacrifice rather than domination. Explore examples from the Gospels where Jesus subverts worldly power structures. Guide the discussion toward understanding that in God's kingdom, greatness is defined by service (Mark 10:42-45).*

- 2. Colossians 2:6-7 describes the process of walking with Christ as being "rooted and built up in Him and established in the faith." How do these three concepts (rooted, built up, established) contribute to making disciples?**

*Leader Notes: Facilitate a discussion on how these elements provide a foundation for growth and stability in the Christian life, which then equips us to disciple others. Encourage personal examples of how they have experienced being rooted, built up, or established. Emphasize that discipleship is a journey, not a destination, and these elements are ongoing.*



3. **Pastor Danny highlighted Colossians 2:8, where Paul warns about being taken captive by "philosophy and empty deceit, according to human tradition, according to the elemental spirits of the world, and not according to Christ." In what ways do you see these things hindering the process of making disciples today?**

*Leader Notes: Encourage participants to identify specific examples in contemporary culture where these "captivities" are present and how they can be countered. Brainstorm strategies for discerning truth from error and for helping others do the same. This discussion should foster critical thinking and a reliance on Scripture.*

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## **BECOME**

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1. **Pastor Danny emphasized that we have been "filled in Him" (Colossians 2:10). How does understanding our own fullness in Christ empower us to make disciples?**

*Leader Notes: Guide the group to recognize that sharing the Gospel flows from a place of having received God's fullness, not from a place of lack. Discuss how a secure identity in Christ frees us to serve others and point them to Him. Encourage testimonies of how experiencing God's fullness has motivated them to share their faith.*

2. **Reflecting on Colossians 1:15-20 (The Hymn of Christ), how does understanding Jesus's preeminence in all things motivate us to participate in making disciples?**

*Leader Notes: Help participants connect Jesus's supremacy to the urgency and importance of sharing Him with others. Emphasize that Jesus's Lordship over all creation gives us confidence in His plan and power to transform lives. Discuss how this truth combats feelings of inadequacy or fear in sharing the Gospel.*

3. **What is one practical step you can take this week to actively participate in making disciples, based on what you've learned from the sermon?**

*Leader Notes: Encourage specific and actionable commitments. Challenge participants to move beyond good intentions and identify a concrete step they will take. Follow up with individuals to encourage them in their commitments.*

