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La Jolla Christian Fellowship
TAKING IT TO THE STREETS // Evangelism Series
Episode 3: DISCIPLE MAKING
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Matthew 28:16-20

Then the eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain where Jesus had told them to go. ¹⁷When they saw him, they worshiped him; but some doubted. ¹⁸Then Jesus came to them and said, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. ¹⁹Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, ²⁰and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age."

Vs. 19 *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.*

What is a disciple?

How do you make a disciple?

"Christianity without discipleship is always Christianity without Christ."
- **Dietrich Bonhoeffer**

What is a disciple? Being a disciple of Jesus is vastly more than following a set of divine teachings, rather it is the process of being transformed into the very image of God on earth.

- **Denunciation: Romans 8:29** *For those God foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, that he might be the firstborn among many brothers and sisters.*
- **Mortification: Mark 8:34** *Then He called the crowd to Him along with His disciples and said: "Whoever wants to be My disciple must deny themselves and take up their cross and follow Me.*

How do you make a disciple? Discipleships are made by the preaching of the gospel and then becoming it.

Preaching the gospel: Mark 16:15 *He said to them, "Go into all the world and preach the gospel to all creation."*

The gospel is not a trendy ideology or zeitgeist,
but a divine, eternal and cosmologically redemptive lifeforce.

A gospel of grace: Ephesians 1:7 *In Him we have redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of His grace*

Small Group Questions:

1. Can you name 3 distinct characteristics of a disciple of Jesus?
2. Do you feel that the church in America is good at making true disciples? Why or why not?
3. What is the difference between hearing the gospel and embodying it?
4. In your opinion, is the gospel more about bringing justice or grace?
5. Mark 16:15 Jesus says, "Go into all the world and preach the gospel to all creation. How do we preach to all creation?"