

## Are You a Disciple? | Week 4 - Disciples Make Disciples

### Big Idea

Disciples of Jesus are identified by their commitment to making more disciples.

### Scripture

Matthew 28:16-20 and Acts 8:26-40

### Points to Keep In Mind

1. In Matthew 28:16-20, Jesus uses the action words go, disciple, baptize, and teach. As we help people find their way back to God, Jesus calls us to go. This is about going and embracing our role as everyday disciples and dispensers of God's grace everywhere we are sent. It is a simple call to go about our daily lives being a blessing to those we encounter and sharing the love of Jesus with them. Making disciples is the second action that Jesus mentions. This is about walking with other people wherever they are in their faith journey and helping them hear from God so that they can do what he says. This can be as simple as inviting someone to join you for a service here at COMMUNITY or sitting down with a friend for a You+ conversation. Jesus calls us to make disciples, and we can do that right where we are as we love people around us. Baptism is such an important mark in the life of any follower of Jesus. In baptism, a person declares their allegiance to Jesus and becomes his disciple. Of course, Jesus calls us to take that step ourselves, but he wants us to help others make that decision too. Simply sharing with our friends and family why we were baptized can inspire others to do the same. The fourth action word Jesus uses is teach. Most don't see themselves as teachers, but this isn't about being super-knowledgeable or the "wise sage" who will enlighten everyone. This is about helping one another follow Jesus. We can teach by studying Scripture with a friend, just as you are doing right now, or sharing a story of how God is at work in your life.
2. Although Jesus is not with us physically, he is with us in spirit through the Holy Spirit. We receive the Holy Spirit when we accept Jesus as our Lord and Savior. Jesus is with us every minute of every day and into eternal life. What a gift his presence is and what help his guidance is when we help people find their way back to God!
3. In Acts 8:26-40, Phillip followed God's guidance on where to go. He started by asking the man, or eunuch, a question. Phillip took time to sit with the man he was sent to; he shared the good news about Jesus using Scripture and baptized the man when he asked to be baptized.

### Additional Questions and Resources

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1. Where do you see God at work in your life right now?
2. What next steps do you feel called to take in your faith journey?
3. Have you considered getting baptized? [communitychristian.org/baptism](http://communitychristian.org/baptism)
4. What have you been learning from the Community Daily? [communitychristian.org/daily](http://communitychristian.org/daily)
5. If someone is seeking professional counseling, you can always refer them to our resource page: [communitychristian.org/mentalhealth/](http://communitychristian.org/mentalhealth/)
6. Find out more about having a YOU+ Discipleship Conversation by visiting: [communitychristian.org/you](http://communitychristian.org/you)