

What on Earth Are We Doing? Small Group Discussion Questions

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Sunday, June 4th 2023



Sermon Title: What on Earth Are We Doing?

Scripture Reading: Matthew 28:18-20

Sermon Focus: Rich Stuebing taught in Zambia for 40 years, and he believes that Matthew 28:18-20—often referred to as the Great Commission—is not just for those who leave the country to serve God on mission. The primary focus of this passage is to "make disciples of all nations" as Jesus said. So, what should discipleship look like for those who obey his command? In today's sermon, Rich expounds on the words of Jesus and his promise at the end of the passage to be with us always, which he attests to by sharing a personal experience of an armed attack on his family's home in Ndola.

Thank you for going deeper in conversation with your small group in person or by video call. Use the following questions to help *guide* your small group discussion:

1. Ask someone to read Matthew 28:18-20 aloud to your group. Then open your Bible and take a minute or two to read the passage again silently. What words or phrases stick out at you? Meditate on that for a moment. Lastly, share with your group what thoughts come to mind, or maybe what the Spirit is saying.
2. When Jesus says “make disciples” in this passage, he assumes there will be some evangelism (sharing your faith) in the process. But as Rich said in his message, to evangelize someone is just the beginning. Discipleship is the process of growing as a disciple. Therefore, to “make disciples” is about being intentional in following Jesus and becoming more like him. What does this look like in your own life? Also, what does this look like at Grantham Church?
3. If you grew up in the church, you’re probably familiar with these last words of Jesus to his disciples in Matthew 28:18-20. Obviously, the Lord wants us not to stop at our own ethnic group or country when it comes to making disciples. This has become easier as American society has become more diverse and pluralistic. What opportunities do you have to make disciples “of all nations” where you live, work, shop, and play? How can you be more intentional in obeying Jesus?
4. Rich quoted a Tim Keller article to point out that no other culture in the world is as individualistic as the United States. We elevate the interests of the individual over those of family, community, and nation. For example, we even feel we have the right to create our own identity and purpose apart from community, biology, Scripture, church tradition, etc. In what ways do you see this extreme form of “expressive individualism” impact our commitment to Christ and the church? How does this radical individualism hinder our spiritual growth as disciples?
5. Rich shared a moving story about a time his family’s house in Zambia was broken into by a band of thieves and robbers. How did his story challenge you? How did his story encourage you? Why do you think Christians in America have such a hard time trusting God like this? Share some examples.
6. What was a main takeaway for you from Rich’s message? How is God speaking to you and how is he inviting you to respond? Once everyone in the group has shared, take some time to pray for each other. How can the group pray for you as you seek to love, follow, and lead others to the God who looks like Jesus?