

Developing Intentional Growth

Great Commission: Our Purpose

1. To really understand these two short verses, we'll have to begin at verse 16. In this verse, Jesus met eleven of His disciples on "the mountain which Jesus had appointed for them." Do you remember any other times in the Bible when God met/revealed Himself to someone on a mountain?
2. Verse 17 reveals that the disciples grasped and acknowledged what fact when they worshipped Jesus?

But then, there were some present who "doubted." Why would some still doubt, after all they had seen, heard, and experienced?
3. Who gave Jesus His authority and what are the ramifications of His sending out His disciples (including *us*) based on that authority?
4. What does it mean to "make disciples?" When do we finish this job?
5. Why would we want to characterize our church to be more like a factory than like a warehouse?
6. How does ENCORE help make disciples?
7. What other things are we doing as a church in order to make disciples?
8. What are some things that we could be doing in order to make disciples?

Theme: The Great Commission

Monday

When you worship Jesus, do you consider Who He is: God? How does this affect your worship?

Tuesday

Doubting, which is simply disbelief or distrust, is a common human failing. What do you find yourself most often doubting God about? How can a Christian deal with honest doubts? Can you think of specific verses that would address this issue?

Wednesday

If Jesus has been given all the rights, power and authority of God Himself, over the entire realm of the universe, what would meditating on that truth do to our doubts as Christians? Give an example.

Thursday

We have a mission. Jesus sends us out on that mission fully equipped with His blessing and authority. How radical is *that*? Does or should that affect our desire to share His truth with others?

Friday

Busyness, fear, and doubt are all witnessing-quenchers. How does Matthew 28:16-20 encourage you in this area?

Saturday

“LORD, Your power and authority are beyond comprehension, as is Your love for the lost. Help me to grab hold of these truths and allow them to penetrate through the excuses I use for not sharing You with others. Help me to reach out and make a difference for You.”
