

INTRO

- What do you enjoy about the Fall season? what's challenging?

This series explores Jesus' inspirational and challenging call to be an influence for good within our world.

READ

Matt 28:16-20

REFLECT & RESPOND

The passage often referred to as "The Great Commission" is about the Church sharing and embodying God's character, love, and ongoing mission to the world. It's important to note that the very essence of God is missional, meaning all of Scripture tells us something of the nature of God's mission in the world.

Qu: "all authority, all nations, all things, always." What does this tell us about the extent of God's mission? What is our role in it?

First and foremost, we are called to be disciples. Before Go & Make, come these:

- "repent and believe" the gospel (Mk 1:15), and
- "come and follow" Jesus (Mt 4:19).

Our paradigm for discipleship at ENGTA is, *following Jesus together in community on his mission.* There are 3 primary components to this:

- **Personal formation**—your relationship with Jesus cultivated through personal spiritual disciplines.
- **Communal formation**—our relationship together as disciples prioritizing being together, caring for and challenging one another.
- **Missional formation**—your faithful witness to the people and world around you through your conversations, seeking the common good, vocation, hospitality, and deeds of justice.

Qu: out of the above 3, what are you most healthy in? What needs work? Why are all 3 important to being a disciple of Jesus?

Secondly, we are called to "go and make disciples". This assumes evangelism, but too often we've separated evangelism from discipleship, resulting in many "decisions" made for Christ, but few disciples of Christ.

In our everyday lives ("as you go"), we are to practice being a disciple and look for opportunities to engage others far from God. We introduced a card to help you with this: **PEBCI**

- **Pray:** for 3-5 non-believers you interact with regularly
- **Eat:** build a relationship with them over meals, coffee etc.
- **Bless** by looking for ways to practically, emotionally or materially help them.
- **Connect** with their story by asking sincere questions and empathetic listening; look for opportunities to connect their story to the gospel story.
- **Invite** them to an event or service to experience church community.

Qu: how can we help one another practice PEBCI? What excites you and challenges you with PEBCI?

Finally, we do all this with the assurance that Jesus' power and presence are with us always and everywhere! Read vv17, 20 again as you close for a time of prayer.

RESPOND & PRAY

- Pray Jesus' authority and presence becomes an increasing reality in one another's lives
- Pray over your PEBCI card — for those name already on, or, for God to lead you in the names that need to be on.
- Pray our church becomes a community that lives as disciples and seeks to make disciples.