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| **SERIES** | RALLY |
| **BIBLE** | Matthew 28: 16-20 |
| **TITLE/TOPIC** | Fully Engaged in the Mission |
| **OVERVIEW** | At the end of Jesus’ earthly ministry He leaves the disciples with a clear command about the mission. Everything in Jesus’ life, teaching, death, burial, resurrection now comes together. In light of his supreme authority and His enduring presence to empower them, Jesus’ command is simple and profound – make more disciples! The early church – after being sparked by persecution – found that as they obeyed, God is faithful to build His beautiful Church in and through them. This is our mission – make disciples of Jesus Christ! |
| **SCRIPTURE BREAKDOWN** | **With His authority and empowering presence, Jesus commands His disciples to make more disciples. This is our mission! Matthew 28: 16-20**  **Jesus patiently works through very human vessels - worshipers and doubters. (17)**  **Jesus first reminds the disciples of His authority (18**). Because of His sinless life, sacrificial death, bodily resurrection, He has been given all authority. Who else has absorbed the wrath of God against sin, died, and rose again? Jesus is preeminent in His authority bc He is unique in His accomplishments. We are to be united under Jesus authority.  **Jesus’ mission for his disciples is to make disciples (19-20): Developing other followers of Jesus is the core command. The other commands help us understand how to make disciples.**   * Because you have been sent – because/as you are going. Intentionality. * By baptizing. Public celebrations of identifying with Jesus. * By teaching to obey. Learning that produces life change, not just adding knowledge.   **Jesus reassured the disciples and the Church of His presence to empower this mission (20).** Jesus is present now through the indwelling ministry of the Holy Spirit.  **As the early church obeyed Jesus, God built a multi-ethnic, prayer empowered, intentional disciple-making and church planting movement. (Acts 11, 13, 14)**   * **Multi-ethnic, staying true to the Lord Jesus, given the name “Christian”. Acts 11: 19-26** * **Sent out of prayer and fasting Acts 12:25-13:3** * **A strategy of preaching, strengthening, encouraging, raising leaders, reporting God’s work Acts 14: 21-28** |
| **GOSPEL** | We were created by God to live for God. God’s design for every human being is found in this mission – to hear, believe, and give your life to Jesus Christ. Humanity is broken, lost, following its own destructive path. But God sent Jesus into the world so that you could become born again as a disciple of Jesus and live a life that glorifies God, full of purpose and eternal impact. Come to Jesus. Learn to bring others to Jesus. |
| **NEXT**STEPS | Begin | Connect | Engage | Grow | Disciple  Begin – Turn to Jesus in repentance and faith today. Become a disciple  Disciple – Live for the mission you were saved to walk in. Rejoice in Jesus’ authority and presence. Living in His power to share His gospel and raise up disciples in His name. |