**Sermon** Discipleship: The Great Commandment and The Great Commission **Matt 28:19-20**

**19Go** therefore and **make disciples** of all **nations**, **baptizing** them inthe name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, **20teaching** them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age.”

GRACE GROUPS: They are a means of grace in a small group context.

**1st Pet 3:18**But grow in the **grace and knowledge** of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. To him be the glory both now and to the day of eternity. Amen.

**Titus 2:11-12**For the **grace of God** has appeared, bringing salvation for all people, **12training us** to renounce ungodliness and worldly passions, and to live self-controlled, upright, and godly lives in the present age

Structure of passage:  **[Go]**  *‘make disciples’* nations **[baptize] [teach]**

**1st: GO ‘make disciples’ 🡪**

**2nd : ‘make disciples baptizing and teaching them’**

**Make disciples - AS YOU GO** 🡪

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**Why we’re excited about Grace Group Ministry:**

* **Small group members encourage each other in their faith.**

*… that you and I may be mutually encouraged by each other’s faith. (Romans 1:12)*

* **Small group members encourage each other to grow.**

*We can comfort those in any trouble with the comfort we ourselves have received from God. (2 Corinthians 1:4)*

* **Grace Groups are excellent contexts for study groups, prayer groups and various serving interests.**
* **People use their gifts and talents to disciple to one another.**

*And let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds. (Hebrews 10:24)*

* **People talk more in Grace Groups.**
* **Group members realize that others have similar problems.**

* **Group members hold each other accountable.**

*As iron sharpens iron, so one man sharpens another. (Proverbs 27:17)*

* **Members pray for one another.**

*For where two or three come together in my name, there am I with them. (Matthew 18:20)*

* **People are more likely to apply what they learn.**
* **Group members can help each other in difficult seasons and circumstances.**

* **Friendships start and grow in Grace Groups.**
* **Grace Groups encourage us in our personal outreach and evangelism.**

*"Christ did not come to make****Christians****;*

*He came to make****disciples****.*

*Discipleship is not one of the church’s various ministries.*

*It is not something that the paid staff do.*

*Discipleship is who we – as the church – it is what we are at out very core.”*

*J.D. Greer*

We exist to glorify God by making, maturing and multiplying disciples of Jesus.

Other Complimentary forms of the Great Commission

Lk 24:45-49

**45**Then he opened their minds to understand the Scriptures, **46**and said to them, “Thus it is written, that the Christ should suffer and on the third day rise from the dead, **47**and that repentance fora the forgiveness of sins should be proclaimed in his name to all nations, √**beginning from Jerusalem**.

Mark 16:15

15 And he said to them, “**Go into all the world** and **proclaim** the gospel to the whole creation.

John 20:21

**21**Jesus said to them again, “Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, even so **I am sending you.”**

Acts 1:8

**8**But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you will be my **witnesses in √Jerusalem** and in all √**Judea** and √**Samaria**, and to the √**end of the earth**.”

Matt 4:19

**19**And he said to them, “Follow me, and I will make you **fishers of men**.”

Mt 10:16,20

**16**“Behold, **I am sending you out** as sheep in the midst of wolves, so be wise as serpents and innocent as doves. **20**For it is not you who speak, but the Spirit of your Father speaking through you.

Mt 13:38

**38**The **field is the world**, and the good seed is the sons of the kingdom. The weeds are the sons of the evil one,

Mt 24:14

**14**And this gospel of the kingdom will be proclaimed **throughout the whole world** as a testimony to **all nations**, and then the end will come.