



Household devotions...

**Who we are:
gospelling, gathering, growing, going**

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Memory verse:

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"All authority has been given to Me in heaven and on earth.

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baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and
of the Holy Spirit,

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And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age."

Matthew 28:18-20

Week 1: gosselling

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Matthew 28:16-20

Day 1

- Read the passage.
- Who have the disciples gone to meet?
- Who is Jesus? (vs.18)
- How has Jesus just shown this?

Day 2

- Read the passage.
- What does Jesus command the disciples to do? (vs.18)
- What is a disciple?

Day 3

- Read the passage.
- Who do you think is at the centre of being a disciple?
- Read Luke 4:18-19... what is the 'good news'?
- You could also read: Mark 1:1, 14-15; Romans 1:16; 1 Corinthians 15:1-7

Day 4

- Read whichever passages you didn't read from yesterday...
- Why is this good news?
- Why should it be 'proclaimed'?

Day 5

- Read the passage.
- Pray that there are many disciples made in Narrabri...

Week 2: gathering

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Matthew 28:16-20

Day 1

- Read the passage.
- Making disciples involves two things in verses 19 and 20. What is the first in verse 19?
- What is 'baptism'?

Day 2

- Read the passage.
- The baptism commanded here involves a community—what community is this?

Day 3

- Read Ephesians 2:17-22.
- How is the community of God's people described?
- Can this image work if this community isn't gathered?
- What must this community do?

Day 4

- Read either Hebrews 12:19-25 or Ephesians 4:11-16.
- Why is it so important for the community to gather?
- What is at the heart of this?

Day 5

- Read Hebrews 12:18-24.
- What does this community do now, forever?

Week 3: growing

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Matthew 28:16-20

Day 1

- Read the passage.
- What is the second part of making disciples? (vs.20)
- What is being taught?

Day 2

- Read the passage.
- What is the teaching inseparable from?
- Where might you go for this teaching?

Day 3

- Read 2 Timothy 3:16-17 and 1 John 2:3.
- What is central to teaching?
- Why?
- What does obedience display?

Day 4

- Read the passage.
- Can you grow as a disciple without God's word?
- Why do you think people might think this is an option?

Day 5

- Read Ephesians 4:11-16.
- Is growing an individual or community process?
- Why do we grow as disciples?
- What is central to this?

Week 4: going

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Matthew 28:16-20

Day 1

- Read the passage.
- What is the first part of making disciples? (vs.19)
- What bookends give the disciples confidence in this? (vs.18, 20)

Day 2

- Read the passage.
- Where are the disciples to go?
- Where are disciples made?

Day 3

- Read Acts 1:1-8 and Romans 9:14-18.
- What is Jesus' command?
- How will people hear the good news?

Day 4

- Read Genesis 3:1ff and John 1:1-18.
- How do God and Jesus model this command to 'go'?
- What does this display about God?

Day 5

- Read the passage again...
- What do you think 'going' means for us where we are?