

Series: Unexpected Messiah

Passage: Matthew 28:18-20; Acts 2:14-47. **Title:** 7 Practices of Disciple of Jesus

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Discussion Starter –How have the recent sermons helped you to better understand the Great Commission and recognize it as a calling for your life mission?

The Great Commission (Matthew 28:18-20)

- When Jesus said "go therefore and make disciples of all the nations" who was He directing this statement to? How do we know that it was not just to the eleven remaining disciples to carry out on their own?
- Jesus prior to His ascension, told the told the disciples to wait in Jerusalem for the "Promise of the Father the Holy Spirit". When did this happen and why is this significant to the "Great Commission of making disciples of all the nations"?

Peter's 3 Point Sermon at Pentecost (Acts 2:14-41)

- Read Acts 2:5-13. Describe who was gathered together here and why were they confused and amazed? What did some of them claim to explain what was happening and how did Peter react to them?
- What were the three biblically based points Peter made in this first sermon preached at the birth of the church?
- Describe what you see happening as Peter finished his discourse in Acts 2:36? How is this an example of the partnering of the Holy Spirit being revealed here?
- Why do you think the men there were cut to the heart as they listened to Peter's message? What did their question to Peter reveal? How did Peter respond to their question? What does this reveal about Jesus?
- God is sovereign, and it says in verse that those who gladly received His word and were baptized were three thousand. Read Exodus 32:25-28. What parallels do we see contained in this passage when compare this the birth of the nation Israel to the birth of the church?

7 Practices of a Disciple of Jesus (Acts 2:37-47)

- The first practice mention is repentance. What are we as disciple to specifically repent from? Read Psalm 51:3-4 and 1 John 3:7-10. What additional insights are gained from these verses?
- Explain what the practice of baptism is, when it happens and what it is a picture of?
- What is the purpose and practice of the indwelling of the Holy Spirit in a Disciples life?
- What does it mean to continue steadfastly in the Apostle Doctrine?
- Continuing steadfastly in Fellowship, what does this mean and what does it not mean?
- How does continuing steadfastly at the Communion Table help us as disciples?
- Why is prayer so powerful in a disciple's life? What is the true purpose of prayer?