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# **GOD'S ALTERNATIVE SOCIETY**

## **“MAKING DISCIPLES”**

### **MATTHEW 28 : 16 - 20**

## **FACILITATORS GUIDE**

## **INTRODUCTION**

*In 1 John 2 : 15 – 17 we have a fitting description of the mindset and trend of society around us. All of life is consumed by: (i) “The lust of the flesh (sensuality); (ii) “The lust of the eye” (materialism) and (iii) “The pride of life” (the vanity of the ego). So much of life seems to revolve around maximizing pleasure and minimizing pain.*

*Jesus came to introduce an alternative lifestyle, something so different to that of society around us. He said, “Go and make Disciples”. Imagine if every Christian pursued this mandate. Our world, our churches and our homes would be so different.*

*This chapter seeks to examine this exciting possibility!*

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#### **1. DISCIPLES ARE PEOPLE WHO REGOGNISE THE AUTHORITY OF JESUS – VS.16 “ALL AUTHORITY**

- Alive
- Teachings were true
- Right about himself
- Full responsibility
- Full accountability

#### **2. DISCIPLES ARE PEOPLE WHO HAVE A MISSION**

- “Go make Disciples”
- Our mission – discipleship
- To be a disciple you need to make disciples

### **3. DISCIPLES HAVE A CLEAR IDENTITY**

#### **“Baptizing” – Baptism?**

- Cleansing
- Ending and beginning
- Identity – Ring (symbol)
- Life long commitment
- Going public

### **4. DISCIPLES LEARN AND TEACH**

- “Teaching them”
- Disciples chosen
  1. “To be with Him” – Learn
  2. “To be sent out” - Teach
- Each a Paul and a Timothy
- Each a Pauline and a Timothee – 2 Timothy 2 : 1 & 2

### **5. DISCIPLES HAVE A LOCAL AND GLOBAL VISION**

#### **“All Nations”**

- Vision – Genesis 12 : 3
- Mission

**Time, talent, Treasure is “All on call”**

### **6. DISCIPLES ARE EMPOWERED – VS. 20 “I AM WITH YOU ALWAYS”**

#### **How? – By His Spirit**

- Holy Spirit
- The Spirit of God
- The Spirit of Christ – Romans 8 : 9

**How has the Church survived?**

### **7. DISCIPLES HAVE A GREAT FUTURE**

#### **“To the end of the age”**

**The end = Destiny**

- Fulfillment of God’s purposes
- A day of reckoning

**Everything we do is with this ultimate goal in mind.**

### **Suggested Additional Reading**

1. *“Every Nation in Our Generation”*  
Author: Rice Brooks; Published by Struick Christian Books
2. *“The Minion of the Evangelist” – Amsterdam 2000*  
Published by World Wide Publications
3. *“Going Public with the Gospel”*  
Authors: Lou Allison & Mark Anderson; Published by IVP
4. *“Finding Common Ground”*  
Author: Tim Downs; Published by Moody Press
5. *“The Unchurched Next Door”*  
Author: Thom S Rainer; Published by Zondervan
6. *“More Ready Than You Realize”*  
Author: Brian D McLaren; Published by Zondervan