



May 23, 2010  
Sermon Based Studies

Group Members Guide

"The Cause"  
Matthew 28:18-20

Take some time after the message and before your group meets to work through these questions. The discussion in the small group will be more valuable if you have done some preparation ahead of time. You don't need to complete all the questions in your group.

### **Matthew 28:18-20**

<sup>18</sup>And Jesus came and said to them, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me.

<sup>19</sup>Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, <sup>20</sup>teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age."

Questions to reflect on and discuss—

1. Read John 14:6 and talk about how you would answer someone who says that there are many different ways to God and that you should not try to impose your way on someone else.
  
2. What are the basic steps of telling someone how to become a Christ follower? Take the following verses and outline the main ideas and put them in the order that you think will make sense to someone.

John 14:6

John 3:16

I Timothy 2:5

Romans 6:23

Isaiah 59:2

Romans 3:23

John 10:10

Romans 10:9-10

II Thessalonians 1:8-9

John 1:12

I John 1:8-9

Ephesians 2:8-9

3. Who are some people that you might name for the "pray" part of your circle strategy?

4. What was a point in the sermon that you would say was most important for you?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
5. If part of our responsibility is to make disciples (not just bring people to faith in Christ), where in the church can you find help to do that?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
6. How does “one main thrust” of making disciples fit into your life schedule of work (or school), family, and all the little details of life like brushing your teeth and balancing the checkbook? In other words, how do you see that “cause” being expressed in your life? If you don’t see it now, what do you think you need to do to take that on as your “one main thrust?”
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
7. Take a look at some other verses that talk about our “responsibility to live the Cause.” What do they say about that?  
II Cor. 5:14-15, 18-20; Colossians 1:28-29; I Peter 3:15; Colossians 4:5-6;  
John 20:21; Acts 1:8