



CURRICULUM GUIDE

Matthew Season 8: Neighbors to Nations
Episode 1: The Great Commission
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LEADER NOTES – The Neighbors to Nations Guide includes questions designed to help you and your group go deeper into Scripture and the sermon each week. Some of these questions will also be included in the weekly curriculum. Encourage your group members to review these questions and think through their answers before coming to group.

NEW - We've created a new way to invite/add a member to your group through an "Invite People" button at the top of your group page. [Click here](#) for a video tutorial.

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2026 Fall trimester: 8/17–12/7 2027 - Spring: 1/4 - 5/17 Summer: 6/7 - 7/26 Fall: 8/23 - 12/6

ANNOUNCEMENTS: NEW - Serve as a group with Our Partners: Help assemble the Bibles we give away to individuals and organizations. [Learn more](#).

All of our Holiday Serve opportunities with our Outreach partners [are here](#): Keep following the page as it's updated between now and Christmas.

THIS WEEK'S READING PLAN: Download our app for [Apple](#) or [Android](#). Click the "Daily" icon at the bottom of the app for our daily Bible reading plan.

Share Wins, Praises and Prayers: Where did you see God move this week?

Action Step Review: Last week's action step: *Break into twos or threes, identify one promise from God's Word that you've struggled to believe or trust. Write it down, pray for each other and ask God to help you live in the promises of Jesus.* How did God answer your prayers? What did you learn about God? About yourself?

Memory Verse: *Matthew 28:19-20*

Sermon Text: *Genesis 12:1-3; Matthew 28:16-20; John 6:68–69; Revelation 7:9-12*

Discussion Questions

Leaders: Please use the questions in the curriculum to facilitate discussion of the sermon and the Scriptures. **But there's no need to answer every question.** The goal is to get your group members talking more than you and to get them going deeper. The answers in parentheses are simply possible responses.

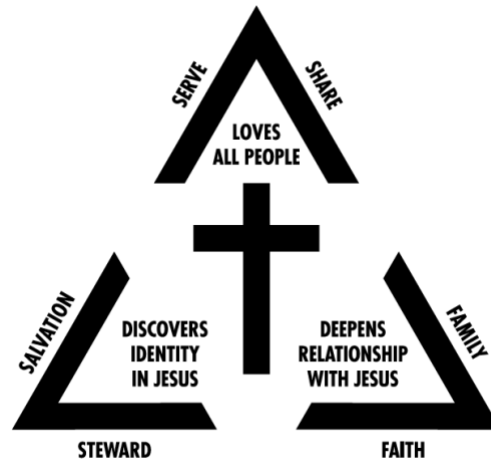
- Each week during the Neighbors to Nations series, we're providing a Disciple Group testimony video for you to watch with your group before diving into the curriculum questions. [Click here to watch or download this week's video.](#)
- Read Matthew 28:16-20. What stood out to you this week in the sermon, in the Scriptures and what God revealed to you about Himself?
- **Discover:** Read Genesis 12:1-3. How are God's instructions to Abram reflected in Jesus's instructions to the disciples?
Deepen: You have been blessed so that...what? *(Get as specific as you can in your answers.)*
- **Discover:** Read Matthew 28:17 and Deuteronomy 6:4-5 (The Shema). How is worshipping and loving God the foundation for missions and disciple-making?
Deepen: Share how you've followed Jesus even while wrestling with doubts. *(Pick them up and follow Jesus. See John 6:68-69.)*
- **Discover:** What's the difference between converts and disciples? *(You can believe, and even be a fan of Jesus, but are you a follower of Him? It was said that disciples followed behind their Rabbi so closely they were covered in the Rabbi's dust. Are you following Jesus that closely?)*
Deepen: To help each other practically do this, share how you've made disciples and/or how you've been disciplined.
- Jesus says to "observe (obey) all that I have commanded you." How does Jesus's authority shape how you live?
- Jesus ends with, "And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age." How does this promise change the way you think about risk, obedience and mission?

Action Step: Pray every day and ask God: What is my role in the great commission in my giving, growing and going?

Your Discipleship Journey

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