



LESSON 4

“At Our Savior’s Way Lutheran Church, we value serving God’s people.”

GETTING STARTED:

If God would grant you any one request what would it be?

DIGGING DEEPER:

Matthew 28:18-20 *Then Jesus came to them and said, “All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Therefore, go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always to the very end of the age.”*

Matthew 10:5-7? *These twelve Jesus sent out with the following instructions: “Do not go among the Gentiles or enter any towns of the Samaritans.” Go rather to the lost sheep of Israel. As you go, preach this message: “The kingdom of heaven is near.”*

Question: How does Jesus’ command in Matthew 28:18-20 compare with the command Jesus gave to the disciples in Matthew 10:5-7?

Question: Look at **Matthew 28:19-20**. What are the four actions Jesus required of his disciples?

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- 2.
- 3.
- 4.

Question: Of all the four actions, which action is central to the growth of God’s kingdom?

John 3:36 *Jesus said, “He who believes in the Son, has eternal life, but whoever rejects the Son will not see life, for God’s wrath remains on him”*

Question: Is there a difference between someone, who believes in Jesus and a disciple of Jesus? How would you compare a believer vs. a disciple?

Question: In your own words what does it mean to be a disciple of Jesus?

Question: How are the followers of Jesus supposed to make disciples? What resources does Jesus give us to complete the discipleship making task?

Question: Look at **Matthew 28:18-20** What implications do these words of Jesus have for us today and for our life together at OSWLC?

APPLICATION:

Acts 5:42 *Day after day, in the temple courts and from house to house, they never stopped teaching and proclaiming the good news that Jesus is the Christ.*

Matthew 25:31-36 *When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, he will sit on his throne in heavenly glory. All the nations will be gathered before him, and he will separate the people from one another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats. He will put the sheep on his right and the goats on his left. Then the King will say to those on his right, "Come, you who are blessed by my Father; take your inheritance, the kingdom prepared for you since the creation of the world. For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you invited me in, I needed clothes and you clothed me, I was sick and you looked after me, I was in prison and you came to visit me."*

Discipleship is lived out by sharing our lives, our words, our deeds and our resources with those who do not know God's love for them in Jesus Christ. /The next step is to help them share their lives with others.

Deuteronomy 6:4-5 *Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God, the Lord is one. Love the Lord your God with all you heart and with all your soul and with all your strength.*

Question: What does God want from you and from everyone who believes in Him? Where is God calling you to serve Him?

CHALLENGE:

Each of us, as servants of God, are responsible for sharing Christ with people in our sphere of influence. Think about one person you know who does not know God's love. Pray for this person and ask God to provide you an opportunity to share the hope Christ has given to you. Then take an action to strengthen your relationship with this person so you can share Jesus' love with him/her.

I Peter 3:17 *Always be prepared to give an answer to everyone who asks you to give the reason for the hope that you have. But do this with gentleness and respect.*