

## A Disciple Pursues Making Disciples of All Nations

### I. Why the Great Commission applies to you (Matthew 28:18-20)

<sup>18</sup> And Jesus came up and spoke to them, saying, "All authority has been given to Me in heaven and on earth. <sup>19</sup> "Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit, <sup>20</sup> teaching them to observe all that I commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age." Matthew 28:18-20 (NASB)

#### A. The Great Commission was given not just to the apostles.

- The extent of the Great Commission "to all nations"
- The time frame of the Great Commission "to the end of the age"
- The practice of the early church

#### B. The Great Commission was applied to more than apostles, church leaders, and teachers.

<sup>1</sup> You therefore, my son, be strong in the grace that is in Christ Jesus. <sup>2</sup> The things which you have heard from me in the presence of many witnesses, entrust these to faithful men who will be able to teach others also. 2 Timothy 2:1-2 (NASB)

<sup>3</sup> Older women likewise are to be reverent in their behavior, not malicious gossips nor enslaved to much wine, teaching what is good, <sup>4</sup> so that they may encourage the young women to love their husbands, to love their children, <sup>5</sup> to be sensible, pure, workers at home, kind, being subject to their own husbands, so that the word of God will not be dishonored. Titus 2:3-5 (NASB)

<sup>14</sup> I do not write these things to shame you, but to admonish you as my beloved children.

<sup>15</sup> For if you were to have countless tutors in Christ, yet *you would not have* many fathers, for in Christ Jesus I became your father through the gospel. <sup>16</sup> Therefore I exhort you, be imitators of me. 1 Corinthians 4:14-16

<sup>17</sup> For this reason I have sent to you Timothy, who is my beloved and faithful child in the Lord, and he will remind you of my ways which are in Christ, just as I teach everywhere in every church. 1 Corinthians 4:17 (NASB)

### II. How to get started.

#### A. Don't make this more complicated than it has to be.

- In terms of methodology, the NT examples are models not straitjackets.

- Discipling is life on life.

- You only have to be one or two steps ahead.

B. Leverage what opportunities you already have.

- Live and pass on the faith to your children and family.
- Make use of sermons, small groups, and ABF Lessons.
- Approach those with whom you are already connected.
- Ask them to commit to pass on what they learn.
- Take someone with you.

C. Formal opportunities at Hope Fellowship.