

**March 10, 2019**  
La Jolla Christian Fellowship  
**ACCELERATE :Beyond The Starting Blocks Of Faith**  
**Episode 1: THE GREAT COMMISSION**  
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## **Matthew 28:16-20**

*<sup>16</sup>Then the eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain where Jesus had told them to go. <sup>17</sup>When they saw him, they worshiped him; but some doubted. <sup>18</sup>Then Jesus came to them and said, “All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. <sup>19</sup>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,** <sup>20</sup>and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age.”*

### **Key Idea: Disciples of Jesus don't just happen, they are made.**

- **Jesus commands and equips for this task.**
  - **Vs. 18** “All authority on heaven and on earth has been given to me.”
    - “Therefore go.”

### **What does it mean to be a disciple?**

- We must acknowledge that there is no difference between believing in Jesus for the forgiveness of our sins and following Jesus as the primary shaping influence of our lives.
  - Is it time to recalibrate where we set the bar of a Christ-shaped life?

### **What are the belief and lived essentials of discipleship?**

- **What are the belief essentials?**
- **What are the character essentials?**
- **How do we engage in the church and the world?**
- **How do we discover our true identity in the midst of this adventure?**

### **What are the belief essentials of Christ following?**

- **Core Essential 1** - The unchanging truth of God's word.
  - **Crowd sourced morality**—We live in an age of relativism where all truth is individually based and considered equal to all other truth.
  - Christ following requires that we accept some truths as absolute and unchanging.
    - This means that Christianity is, by today's standards, often times intolerant.

**No plan B:** Jesus did not leave the disciples with a back-up plan.

**Food For The Journey:** Use these questions and challenges to go deeper in your own personal walk or in one of our LJCF community groups.

1. How often do you really live in the reality that Jesus has all authority in heaven and on earth? Does it impact how you share your hope for eternity with others?
2. We must acknowledge that there is no difference between believing in Jesus for the forgiveness of our sins and following Jesus as the primary shaping influence of our lives. Do you feel that Jesus is the primary shaping influence in your life?
3. How comfortable are you with some of the bible's teaching being considered "intolerant" in today's society? Why was Jesus so comfortable with others outrage against what He was teaching?
4. Jesus' entire plan was discipleship. There was no plan B. Why do you think this was and is?
5. Whom are you discipling?