

## GNCOMMUNITY BIBLE STUDY GUIDE

SERMON SERIES: "MAKE IT TO MATURITY"

SERMON TITLE: "WHY?"

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♦ **Facilitator NOTE:** AS YOU PREPARE AHEAD OF TIME, LOOK THROUGH THE PASSAGES/QUESTIONS BELOW TO HELP YOURSELF PRIORITIZE THE THINGS THAT YOU DEFINITELY WANT TO COVER WITH THE TIME YOU HAVE AVAILABLE. YOU LIKELY WILL NOT BE ABLE TO COVER ALL THIS MATERIAL. TRY TO KEEP THE STUDIES TO AROUND AN HOUR FOR THE KIDS/KIDS-HELPERS SAKE.

### SERMON IN A SENTENCE:

"ALLOWING THE WHY TO DRIVE THE WHAT KEEPS YOU POINTED TOWARD THE WHO."

*(use the questions you want to use, ignore the ones you don't want to use, and add any that you think would be good)*


### **WARM UP QUESTIONS:**


- 🗨️ Why are you here tonight?
- 🗨️ Why do you show up on Sunday mornings?
- 🗨️ Why do you follow Jesus?
- 🗨️ Why does GNChurch exist?
- 🗨️ Do you resonate with the Sermon In A Sentence? Why or why not?

### **DIVE INTO SCRIPTURE:**


**Matthew 28:16-20** — "16 Then the eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain where Jesus had told them to go. 17 When they saw Jesus, they worshiped Him; but some doubted. 18 Then Jesus came to them and said, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. 19 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, 20 and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age."


- 🗨️ What does Jesus have authority over? Does that include our lives?
- 🗨️ What does it mean for us to go and make disciples? (disciples is a noun).

 Why do you think Jesus mentioned baptism?


 Jesus tells us to teach/learn to obey everything that He has commanded us...why?

**Luke 9:23-24** — “**23** Then Jesus said to them all: “Whoever wants to be my disciple must deny themselves and take up their cross daily and follow me. **24** For whoever wants to save their life will lose it, but whoever loses their life for me will save it.”


 What is the cost of following Jesus?


 How do we actually gain true life according to Jesus?


**Mark 12:28-31** — “**28** One of the teachers of the law...asked Jesus, “Of all the commandments, which is the most important?” **29** “The most important one,” answered Jesus, “is this: ‘Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God, the Lord is one. **30** Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind and with all your strength.’ **31** The second is this: ‘Love your neighbor as yourself.’ There is no commandment greater than these.”

 How are the 2 greatest commands inseparable from one another?

**Acts 2:42-47** — “**42** They devoted themselves to the apostles’ teaching and to fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer. **43** Everyone was filled with awe at the many wonders and signs performed by the apostles. **44** All the believers were together and had everything in common. **45** They sold property and possessions to give to anyone who had need. **46** Every day they continued to meet together in the temple courts. They broke bread in their homes and ate together with glad and sincere hearts, **47** praising God and enjoying the favor of all the people. And the Lord added to their number daily those who were being saved.”

 What jacks you up about this passage?

 What about this passage do you find hardest to immolate in your own life, faith, and relationships?

 Why is living life and faith this way worth it? (verse 47b)

### **TAKE THIS HOME WITH YOU “TAKEAWAY”:**

☼ Why do you do what you do, specifically in regards to your faith and walk with God?

❖ Close in prayer.

## MATCHING THEME IDEAS FOR THE KID’S LESSON:


- I’d encourage a worship time if possible (youtube works great {Lifetree Kids & Bible Project}).
- Ask them if they have any things in their life that they need Jesus’ help with, and then pray for the requests of the group.
- And feel free to ask any of the kids if they’d like to say a prayer for the group.

▶ Read **Matthew 28:19-20** — “**19** 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, **20** and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age.”

### **Ask the kiddos questions like:**

- Why does GNChurch exist?
- Why should you follow Jesus?

### **Activity Ideas:**

 Have the kids play a game of tag to represent the “go and make disciples of all nations”.