What On Earth Am I Here For? Made for Mission

Wyatt Martin // May 24, 2020 Genesis 1:28; Matthew 28:19-20; Luke 21:14-15

Big Idea: We were made for the purpose of partnering with God to accomplish His will in creation.

1. God created us to be His partners in the world. Genesis 1:28

2. Today we partner with Jesus by making disciples. Matthew 28:19-20

21 minutes with God for 21 days challenge reading schedule:

- 2 Corinthians 5:14-21
- Matthew 4:18-20; Luke 24:46-49
- Acts 1:1-11
- Romans 1:16-17
- Philippians 1
- Acts 8
- 1 Thessalonians 1

Sermon questions

1. Read **Matthew 28:18-20**. These verses are called "The Great Commission." What's so great about the "Great Commission"?

2. In **Genesis 1:27**, "God created man in His own image" In v. **28**, He tells man to fill the earth, subdue it, and rule over it. What does it mean to "fill, subdue, and rule" the earth? What does that look like in our day, and in your life?

3. Read **Matthew 28:18-20**. Where do you fall on the following continuum regarding your obedience to Jesus' command to make disciples?

Apathy –Guilt -Participation -Not concerned ------Not doing enough ------Grateful to serve

Think back to Pastor Brad's message last week when he talked about our S.H.A.P.E. What relevance does the way God has SHAPED you and Jesus' words in **Matthew 28:18-20** have in your position on the continuum above?

4. In **Matthew 28:18**, Jesus says, "All authority in heaven and earth has been given to Me." How does Jesus' authority relate to what He commands in vv. **19-20**?

Do you fear talking to people about Jesus? Many Christians struggle with fear in sharing Christ. How does **Matthew 28:18-20** give you boldness to talk to people about Jesus? (Share your fears with your Life Group and ask them to pray with you for boldness.)

Jesus commands you to go. Where will you go...Africa? Mexico? Philippines? QFC? Ace Hardware? Next door? Across the street?

- 5. Below are five examples you can do to "make disciples" not in any particular order.
 - Give money to missionaries and ministries
 - Volunteer at the Compassion Center or other outreach ministry
 - Talk to people in your life at every opportunity
 - Pray for opportunities to influence people toward Jesus
 - Invite people to church

With which of these are you most comfortable? Which is the most difficult? To which of these will you make a commitment to do?

6. Pastor Wyatt talked about how both what we say and how we live are important in making disciples. How do you balance these so that you have the greatest effectiveness for Christ?

Can you clearly explain the good news of Jesus? If someone asked you what he needed to believe in order to become a Christian, what would you tell him?

If someone looked at your life, would they see inconsistencies between what you say and how you live? Do you need to bring your life in line with what you believe? Explain.

7. What principles or thoughts had the most impact on you from Pastor Wyatt's message? Were there any specific challenges to you? What will you do differently in obedience to Jesus' command to make disciples?

If you'd like to read more on sharing your faith, here are some resources:

- Answering the Objections of Atheists, Agnostics, and Skeptics by Ron Rhodes
- Tactics: A Game Plan for Discussing Your Christian Convictions by Greg Koukl

Read the Bible this year

Pastor Brad encouraged us to read the Bible in 2020. Here's some help getting started. Each day this week read from the Old and New Testament. Or, if you prefer, read just from one testament. Enjoy!

- 1 Chronicles 16-18
- 1 Chronicles 19-21; John 8
- 1 Chronicles 22-24
- 1 Chronicles 25-27
- 1 Chronicles 28-29; John 9
- 2 Chronicles 1-3; John 10
- 2 Chronicles 4-6



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