



# COLLABORATIVE DISCIPLESHIP

## 2 Cultivate

## The Great Commission

## 1 Connect

**Summary** Jesus has commanded us to, “Go make disciples of all nations.” Jesus gave this *Great Commission* to a community who would work together and join God to help others know Jesus, follow Him and make more disciples. God wants us to accept the greatest challenge ever given by the greatest person who ever lived.

**Read** Matthew 28:18–20 and ask the following questions:

- 1 What do you like about this passage?
- 2 What do you find uncomfortable or difficult to understand in this passage?
- 3 What appears to be the main idea emphasized in this passage? (Look for repeated words or ideas.)

**Consider** how the following passages increase our understanding of this topic:

**Read** Matthew 22:35–40.

What are the two greatest commandments?

Why is it so important to live these out as we seek to fulfill the mission of Jesus?

**Read** Acts 1:8.

What disciple-making component is discussed in the second half of this verse?

How can we train people in this aspect of disciple-making?

**Read** 2 Timothy 2:2.

What is the apostle Paul expecting Timothy to do with the things he has heard?

What two qualities should Timothy look for in potential disciples?

**Read** John 20:21.

Do you consider yourself to be someone sent on mission by God?

How do you feel about Jesus’ challenge to be involved in His Great Commission?

What is your response to His challenge?

- 4 What are the beliefs and values promoted in these passages?
- 5 What do these passages reveal about our human condition and God’s response?
- 6 How are these beliefs and values similar or different from those that have influenced you? (such as your family, culture, peers, church, etc.)
- 7 How might our faith increase and our lives change as we embrace what is true and important?
- 8 In light of what we’ve discussed, how can we pray for each other right now?

*Describe a time in your life when you accomplished something that was a real challenge to finish. How did you feel?*

## 3 Care

*Since we last met, what happened as a result of expressing Christ’s love to others?*

*How can you, or we, express Christ’s love to others this week?*

Here are a few ideas:

**Pray** God would meet their deepest needs.

**Help** meet a felt need they have.

**Encourage** them with a text, note or verbally.

**Give** them a thoughtful gift or buy them coffee.

**Invite** them to do something fun or meaningful.

**Listen** to their story.

**Explore** their thoughts on the gospel.