

The Commission

Matthew 28:16-20

Everything scripture tells us about spiritual formation and making disciples makes it clear that God's progressive revelation comes in _____ with different believers. We must give each other grace in that way.

Discussion 1. Do you find it encouraging that even the original disciples had doubts? Why or why not? How does your spiritual formation in community with other believers help you with whatever doubts you may have?

All the power and authority for spiritual formation (i.e., making disciples) comes from God the Father through Jesus. As Christ followers, our only role in the process is _____ towards Jesus.

Discussion 2. What would be the danger of using our own power of persuasion (rather than the power of God) to “make disciples? What are some ways you might know if you are operating in your own power rather than in God’s power?

Discipleship is, at its simplest and most profound form, always about helping people take their _____ toward Jesus. Though baptism is certainly an early step marking the beginning of a journey, it is only the next of many, many steps over the course of a lifetime.

Discussion 3. If all we do is lead a person to baptism, have we made a disciple? What would you say are some important next steps for a person who has just become a convert to Christianity?

As Christ followers, discipleship means that all of us are both _____ and _____, and Jesus’ promise is that He gives us His Spirit to provide critical assistance in both those roles.

Discussion 4. To you, what are some important qualities or characteristics necessary to be a learner? What are some attitudes or characteristics that might get in the way of being a learner?