**Series**: Rediscovering Discipleship

**Sermon**: Rediscovering the Mission of Jesus: The Way of Multiplication

Passage: Matthew 28:16-20; 1 Corinthians 15:9-10



### **GROUP WARM UP:**

Over the last week, what's one way I have noticed God working in your life? Or in the lives of others? In your community? In the world?

#### **BIG IDEA**

Participating in the new way of Jesus is about multiplication, but it won't happen by accident—it requires intentionality.

# The Vision of Multiplication: Matthew 28:16-20

- 1. **The Primary Command:** The sermon highlighted that the main verb in the Great Commission is to **"make disciples"** and that "going" is an action we perform *as* we make them. What is the practical difference in focus when we prioritize "making disciples" over simply "going" (or having "missions" as a separate activity)?
- 2. **Definition of a Disciple:** The message defined a disciple as someone who is **following Jesus, being changed by Jesus, and committed to the mission of Jesus**. Which of these three elements is the most challenging for you personally to live out, and why?
- 3. **Global Inspiration:** The exponential growth of Christianity in the Global South. How does the knowledge that the gospel can multiply in the most resistant cultures challenge or inspire your approach to sharing your faith in your own local sphere of influence?

## **Debunking the Myths of Multiplication**

4. **Knowledge vs. Obedience:** One myth claimed that the gap holding back most believers is not between what they know and what they don't know, but between **what they know and what they're living**. Do you agree that you are "educated beyond your obedience" in some areas of your faith? What is one thing you "know" you should do but have not yet "obeyed"?

- 5. **Time and Intentionality:** The sermon busted the myth that disciple-making requires a large amount of time by advocating for **intentionality in everyday interactions**. What is one specific, "mundane" routine in your week (like errands, work breaks, or walking the dog) that you can intentionally repurpose to create space for a multiplication moment this week?
- 6. **Command vs. Gift:** It was asserted that multiplication is a **command**, not a spiritual gift. How does recognizing disciple-making as a direct command from Jesus change your sense of obligation and equip you to step out, even if you don't feel "gifted" in evangelism or teaching?

## The Mindset of Multiplication: 1 Corinthians 15:9–10

- 7. **The Driving Force:** Read **1 Corinthians 15:9-10**. What does Paul identify as the source of his incredible work ethic ("I worked more than any of them")? How was his memory of his own past rebellion essential to seeing the full power of God's **"astonishing grace"**?
- 8. **Grace and Effort:** The message emphasized that intentional effort in multiplication must be a **response to, and not a means of earning, God's grace**. In what ways might you sometimes slip into the trap of doing Christian work to *earn* approval rather than as a joyous *response* to the grace you've already received?
- 9. **Challenge:** Paul's intentionality was rooted in not letting God's grace be **"ineffective or wasted."** Considering your life today, what is one concrete step you can take to leverage God's grace—the enabling power he has given you—to be more intentional in Christ's mission of multiplication?