

Do You Have Your Marching Orders? (2/18/24)

Verses: Matthew 28:16-20

Main Verse: Matthew 28:19 Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit,

Takeaway: How exciting that every disciple of Jesus can participate in God's world-changing mission: helping others become disciples of Jesus as well.



Getting Started: Have you ever wanted to be part of something but weren't sure how to do it?

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Some **QUESTIONS** to consider:

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Here are some **IMPORTANT IDEAS** we discover in these verses :

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An **ENCOURAGEMENT** in light of God's word:

(Toddler/PreK) Talk to God. Thank him for Jesus, whose death and resurrection changed everything for those who believe in him and follow him. Ask God to show you how you can point others to Jesus as you continue to grow in him and love him more each day.

(Elementary) Talk to God. Thank him for Jesus, whose death and resurrection changed everything for those who believe in him and follow him. Thank God that through faith in Jesus you can participate in God's mission for making disciples. Thank him for the people in your life who have pointed you to Jesus and encouraged you to grow in grace; ask him to show you ways you can do the same for others in your life.