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Title: Engage the Story of God, Pt. 3: Engaging the Story of God with Others

Big Idea: We find our place in God's story by becoming disciples who make disciples.

What in the message stood out to you?

Share one story from your life about how God has used others to help you take a next step with Him.

1. Engaging the Story of God with Others through the Great Commission.

Read Matthew 28:18-20. What are some things you observe in these three verses?

Why do you think Jesus begins and ends the Great Commission with statements about His authority and His presence?

What is our mission according to these verses? How do we accomplish the mission?

Being "baptized" or "immersed" in the name of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit is to be joined to a new family with a new identity. Water baptism is just a symbol of this. What are some aspects of this new family and new identity? How can we lead people to be further "immersed" into them?

What are some of the commands of Jesus we are supposed to teach people to obey?

2. Engaging the Story of God as Disciples of Jesus.

What is a disciple?

Read Matthew 10:37-38. How do these verses clarify your definition of a disciple?

What are the motivations behind becoming a disciple?

Do we instantly become full disciples the minute we become Christians, or is it a work in progress over time?

Read Ephesians 4:11-15. What role do others play in helping us grow more fully into disciples?

Read John 13:25. How will people know we are disciples of Jesus?

3. Engaging the Story of God by Making Disciples.

How do you "make" disciples?

Read 2 Corinthians 3:18. According to this verse, how are people transformed?

Read Luke 5:18-20. According to verse 18, the paralytic's friends were seeking to bring him to Jesus and wouldn't let anything stop them. This is what it means to make disciples – it means to BRING PEOPLE TO JESUS...for the first time and a billion times after that. What does it mean to bring people to Jesus in every area of their lives?

The New Testament is filled with "One Another" commands that show how to bring people to Jesus. What are some examples of these "One Anothers?"

What are some next steps you can take to live out these "One Anothers" more fully in your relationships?

What are some lessons you have learned or mistakes you have made in discipleship?

Oneness & Witness Takeaways:

- Will you commit to praying for and seeking out 3 different kinds of people to engage the story of God with – someone further along than you, someone at the same stage as you, someone not as far along?
- Will you seek out a group for discipleship community by joining a growth group or a serving team?
- Will you consider participating in our one-to-one discipleship ministry?
- Will you consider setting up an appointment with our Care Ministry or attending Grief Share, Pure Desire or Celebrate Recovery to deal with specific habits, hurts or hang-ups in your life?
- Will you attend our next round of Next Step Sessions in April?