

## *The Great Commission* *(Be a disciple to Make a Disciple)*

**Introduction:** In recent weeks the Lord has been impressing in my spirit a renewed sense of urgency to His call that we are to make disciples. In Mathew 28:18-20 the resurrected Jesus appears to His disciples and in this amazing account we witness our Lord placing a commission upon His yet-future church. God has commissioned Beach Side Fellowship Church to make disciples. What does that mean? How is that done? Why is this important? This morning; The Great Commission:

- Disciples are to Make Disciples; **Mathew 28:19** “*Go therefore and make disciples of all nations...*” The Christian life is one of service to the cause of Christ. Jesus said that He would build His church and He commissioned His followers to Go out as His body, into a world that desperately needs Him and to bring them into a relationship with Him. ***Multiplication comes through making disciples.***
- Disciples are to Baptize Disciples; **Mathew 28:19** “*...baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit...*” It is a very powerful confirmation of the importance baptism when we consider that Jesus not only commanded that we baptize, but He sought out John the Baptist so Himself could be baptized. Baptism proclaims our relationship with the Father and with the Holy Spirit through our faith in the Son. ***Publicly proclaim your faith in Jesus by being baptized.***
- Disciples are to Teach Disciples; **Mathew 28:20** “*...teaching them to obey all things that I have commanded you...*” When Jesus said that we are to teach, He had in mind a specific body of truth from which we are to teach. The Bible is the inspired word of God and it reveals His perspective, His principles and His priorities. Jesus is the Word and He is the source from which we draw our teaching material. ***The Bible teaches us how to be obedient.***

When Jesus commissioned us to make disciples, He entrusted us with the awesome responsibility of gathering a Spiritual harvest that only comes through His gospel of grace. Let us take on this task by His power and by His authority. Jesus promised to always be with us during this great endeavor. Today is the day for salvation. Today is the day to answer the call to be a disciple so that you and I can make a disciple.

***Be a Disciple to Make a Disciple.***