

Whoever finds his life will  
lose it, and whoever loses  
his life for my sake will  
find it.  
Mt 10:39

Share the teaching  
Guard the sharing

# Male Call

## August 17, 2007—The Great Commission: Discipleship—Part I

6:00 – 6:05	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1) Coffee &amp; Donuts</li> <li>2) Opening Prayer</li> </ol>
6:05 – 6:20	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1) The Great Commission: <i>All authority has been given to Me in heaven and on earth. Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age. (Mt 28:18-20 NASB)</i></li> <li>2) By whose authority is this commission given?</li> <li>3) What is the promise contained within it?</li> <li>4) What are the 4 commands within the commission?</li> <li>5) Discipleship defined             <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) “The Greek word for a follower of Jesus is <i>mathetes</i> [often translated as ‘disciple’ in Mt 28:19], which means ‘learner’ or ‘student.’ But we must define the word as used by Jesus in the light of his teaching. Being a disciple is not defined in terms of faithful attendance upon a Bible school or memorizing Scripture verses, or learning to make appropriate theological statements. A disciple of Jesus is one who walks after him. His life is the guide for the journey of discipleship.”<sup>1</sup> “Apprenticeship” comes to mind.</li> <li>b) So Jesus was saying to those Jews who had believed Him, “If you continue in My word, <i>then</i> you are truly disciples of Mine... (Jn 8:31 NASB)</li> </ol> </li> <li>6) Discipleship exemplified:             <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) “The following statement was found in the desk drawer of a young pastor in Zimbabwe. He had just been martyred for the cause of Christ: <i>The die has been cast. The decision has been made. I have stepped over the line. I won’t look back, let up, slow down, or back away. My past is redeemed; my present makes</i></li> </ol> </li> </ol>

<sup>1</sup> Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary. (1989; 2005). *Faith and Mission Volume 6* (vnp.6.1.72). Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary.

	<p><i>sense; my future is secure. I'm finished and done with low living, sight walking, small planning, smooth knees, colorless dreams, tamed visions, mundane talking, cheap giving, and dwarfed goals. I no longer need pre-eminence, prosperity, position, promotions, plaudits, or popularity. I don't have to be right, first, tops, recognized, praised, regarded, or rewarded. I now live by faith, lean on His presence, walk with patience, live by prayer, and labor with power. My face is set; my gait is fast; my goal is Heaven; my road is narrow; my way is rough; my companions are few; my Guide is reliable; my mission is clear. I cannot be bought, compromised, detoured, lured away, turned back, deluded, or delayed. I will not flinch in the face of sacrifice, hesitate in the presence of the adversary, negotiate at the table of the enemy, ponder at the pool of popularity, or meander in the maze of mediocrity. I won't give up, shut up, let up, until I have stayed up, stored up, prayed up, paid up, spoken up for the cause of Christ. I must go 'til He comes, give 'til I drop, preach 'til all know, and work 'til He stops me. And when He comes for His own, He will have no problem recognizing me. My banner is clear: I am part of the fellowship of the unashamed.<sup>2</sup></i></p> <p>"I do not even know his name, but that man was a disciple."<sup>3</sup></p> <p>7) If we are to be a follower of Christ, then we should pattern our lives after him.</p>
6:20-7:00	<p>8) Exercise:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) Each table will take a different Gospel.</li> <li>b) Appoint a scribe for your group.</li> <li>c) Skim through the entire Gospel noting: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i) The things Jesus does and the referent verse.</li> <li>ii) The things Jesus tells his disciples to do and the referent verse</li> <li>iii) There is no need to duplicate entries unless there is something significantly different (e.g., "Jesus prays" is different than Jesus prays all night"; "Jesus heals a blind man" and "Jesus heals a cripple" are the same)</li> </ol> </li> </ol> <p>9) Next week will cull the lists and create one, common list.</p>
7:00	Closing Prayer

Further reading:

- The *Bible*

<sup>2</sup> P. R. O. *Missions Update*, vol. 6, no. 1 (August 1996): 2.

<sup>3</sup> Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary. (1999; 2006). *Faith and Mission Volume 16* (vnp.16.2.5-16.2.13). Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary.