

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 31, 2007—The Great Commission: Discipleship—Part III

6:00 – 6:05	<p>1) Coffee &amp; Donuts</p> <p>2) Opening Prayer</p> <p>0</p>
6:05 – 7:00	<p>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></p> <p>2) The Great Commandments: <i>Teacher, which is the great commandment in the Law? And he said to him, You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind. This is the great and first commandment. And a second is like it: You shall love your neighbor as yourself. On these two commandments depend all the Law and the Prophets. (Mt 22:36-40, ESV)</i></p> <p>3) What is a disciple? <i>The disciple who is privileged to be a member of Jesus' Kingdom is a servant, which means thinking God's thoughts (Mk 8:31-33), pursuing the life of the cross (8:34-38) through the message (9:1-8) and example of Jesus (9:9-32), and, hence, rejecting status (9:33-37), exclusivism (9:38-10:16), and the treasures of this world (10:17-31).<sup>1</sup></i></p> <p>4) Exercise: a) Take 5 minutes to reflect as a group at your table on the character of the Apostles after Pentecost.</p> <p>5) Do you want those sorts of Christ-like characteristics for yourself?</p> <p>6) If I could snap my fingers and give us the character of the Apostles in our current circumstances, what in our lives would change?</p>

<sup>1</sup> Southern Baptist Theological Seminary. (2004; 2006). *Southern Baptist Journal of Theology Volume 8* (vnp.8.3.50-8.3.65). Southern Baptist Theological Seminary.

	<p>7) If we really believe these things, what holds us back from becoming a fully committed disciple of Jesus?</p> <p>8) How do we start?</p> <p>a) <i>Ask</i> God to give you a hunger for him (Mt 7:7-11)</p> <p>b) Come to know Jesus by <i>dwelling</i> in God's word (Jn 8:31-32)</p> <p>c) After counting the cost, <i>decide</i> to follow Jesus (Lk 14:25-30)</p> <p>9) Then what?</p> <p>a) Look for opportunities to be discipled and pray for a mentor.</p> <p>10) What holds up back from discipling others?</p>
7:00	Closing Prayer

Further reading:

- The *Bible*