

# VOICES

LEARNING FROM OTHERS

## **VOICES VI: LEARNING FROM OTHERS – DAVID PLATT**

### **Read the Text**

#### **Matthew 28:18-20**

And Jesus came and said to them, “All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. 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, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age.”

### **Main Point**

To be a disciple is to let God’s global cause dictate everything you think, desire, and do. God’s purpose for us is for His glory to be known and enjoyed among all nations. And as Christians, He wants each and every one of us to carry out this work through the great commission mapped out in Matthew 28:18-20. His commission isn’t a general command to make disciples and plant churches among as many people as possible. Rather, it’s a specific command to make disciples and multiply churches among all the nations. If we are not living and dying to spread God’s glory among all nations, then we are disobeying the great commission and disregarding the goal of God.

## **Reflect Together**

1. *Who is God?:* Imagine God's fatherly desire to see all of His children reached. Reflect on that together. What do you think He feels seeing that so many souls are left unreached? Unaware of the Gospel? Unaware of what Jesus did for them?
2. *What has he done?:* How were you reached with the Gospel? Who did God use in your life to draw you closer to Him?
3. *Who are you?:* What do your priorities – where you spend your time, energy, resources – say about who you are in Jesus? Does it reflect God's heart to use you to reach others, or does it reflect the comforts of the world?
4. *What are you to do?:* Where are you disregarding the goal of God in making disciples of all nations, and how can you invite Him in to change your heart? If you're struggling to even WANT him to change it, talk about that too!

## **Abide Together**

Take a few minutes to pray together over your answers and for how God wants to use you to reach all nations. Include any confession or repentance that was stirred up within you.

## **For Example:**

Father, you are a good dad who desires to see all of your children to come to know and experience your perfect love. Help us remember your grace and compassion towards us and how you rescued us into your family. Forgive us, Father, for where we have been forgetful and lazy in sharing your Gospel truth with others. Help us release the comforts of this world to you, and ignite our hearts to see others know you, love you, and follow you. Let us be obedient to your call on our lives to reach the nations with your Word. Give us the heart that you have for the lost and the unreached. And reveal to us specifically how you would like to use us to love

and serve your lost children. Convict us of where we fall into rebellion and selfishness. We need you, Jesus. We love you. Amen.

### **Mission Together**

Take time to pray by name for one person God has put in your life who is not yet a Christian. It's great if it's the same person you prayed for last week!

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### **Take-Home Abiding Practice: Pray Passionately**

David Platt exhorted us to pray passionately, give sacrificially and to go boldly for God's glory to reach all nations. Let's start with prayer!

Choose one person or people group you would like to pray for this week. Set aside some time each day – it can just be five minutes. And pray for that person or people group. Check in with each other next week to see how that experience was for you.

If you want some guidance for regular prayer for unreached people, check out [\*\*THIS\*\*](#) resource where you can pray for an unreached people group every day.