

LEADERS

We have purchased a book for you, Spiritual Gifts by Thomas Schreiner. This will be a helpful aid to you in the fall as we cover 1 Corinthians 12-14. Pick up the book at the mailbox near the parking lot on September 6th or 13th, or email Katie - knolan@doxachurch.net - to set up a time to pick it up.

LEARN

Read Matthew 28:18-20 together. What stands out to you from the text and/or Sunday's sermon that was helpful, encouraging or challenging?

What kind of comfort is it to you to know Jesus is with you, truly and personally, every day? (It could transform our nagging loneliness! It should stir us to prayer, to hope, and to act in faith to know the risen Lord over all is with us in all things.)

Why is this promise of Jesus' presence vital to accomplishing the Great Commission? (It's not our work in our strength, but his mission on his strength, in and by his presence. He calls us to it, promises the resources as well as his presence to carry it out.)

How should we understand that Jesus is with his disciples "to the end of the age"? (No break, no end to his presence. There is no moment where Jesus isn't with us. This is until the end of our life but also up to the end of all things, when he returns in glory.)

PRACTICE

What is the relationship between Jesus' promise to be with us always and the courage needed to obey Jesus' command to go and make disciples of all nations? (The assurance of his presence underpins, provides solid reason for, our courageous living for his glory instead of our own. Wherever disciples go, Jesus and his authority go with them.)

What are you more prone to lose sight of when in a trial: The command to make disciples or the promise that Jesus is with you always? How can we help each other keep each in mind?

What do you see as your biggest barrier to faithfully remaining focused on the Great Commission? (Ex: Scott mentioned comfort, ease, control, and safety. Others could be unbelief, prayerlessness, lack of love for the lost, distracting ourselves in personal pursuits of business/wealth/success, etc.)

Prayer idea: Pray for these 4 weeks of sermons to ignite a passion for disciple making in our church, both within our context and of all nations as Jesus commanded.

CHANGE

Over the course of the Missions Minded series, what stands out to you as something you need to ask God to change in you? How will you know you are growing or being changed in this area? (This is most likely a person-by-person answer. The 2nd question gets at evidence of growth/change... what is changing in their heart, life, attitude, prayers?)