Series: 7 Habits of a Disciple Message: A Single Lesson

Text: Luke 6:46-49; Matt 28:16-20 (AM 3/12/17)

The Gospels fascinate us with the life and teachings of Jesus. All five (5) record the last words of Jesus to His Followers. Each author, inspired by the Holy Spirit, gives us a version of the Great Commission. None is more succinct than Matthew, "Go…make disciples of all nations". Jesus' clarion call to His Church is to Make Disciples! In the coming weeks, we will examine the seven (7) Habits of a Disciple. But first, we should examine what the Lord's vision was for making Disciples. Jesus promised to build His Church (Matt 16:18). This promise is accomplished when His Followers faithfully *Make Disciples*.

- 1st The <u>Assembly</u> He entreats (16) "The...disciples went to the mountain..." Key: Jesus' <u>audience</u> is <u>undeniable</u>.
- **2nd The <u>Attitude</u> He entertains (17)** "They worshiped Him; but some doubted" Key: Jesus' <u>affection</u> is unshakable.
- **3rd The <u>Authority</u> He exudes (18)** "All authority has been given to Me..." Key: Jesus' <u>authenticity</u> is *unquestionable*.
- 4th The <u>Action</u> He exhorts (19a) "Go therefore and make disciples..." Key: Jesus' <u>assignment</u> is unnegotiable.
- 5th The <u>Audience</u> He embraces (19b) "Go therefore...to all the nations" Key: Jesus' approach is *unlimited*.
- 6th The <u>Allegiance</u> He expects (19c-20) "Teaching them to observe all..."

 Key: Jesus' <u>application</u> is unconditional.

 Disciples: <u>Member</u> "Baptizing"; <u>Follower</u> "Observe"; <u>Witness</u> "Commanded"
- 7th The Anointing He extends (20b) "I am with you always..." Key: Jesus' allegiance is unwavering.

Application to life: If you are a follower of Christ *today* it is because somebody *one day* answered Jesus' call to *Make Disciples*. Aren't you grateful that they did! During this week of prayer for missions in North America, we should realize the only hope for Canaan, the Church, and North America is for His Followers to passionately *embrace* Jesus' command to *Make Disciples*. *Can the Lord count on you?*