

Small Group Questions

Go Coastal: The Prime Directive

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*You do NOT have to answer or discuss every question. Feel free to just pick a few. These are meant to guide you in truth. If you are having trouble answering a question, ask your small group leader to help you. They are committed to helping you develop as an authentic follower of Christ.

The COMMUNITY:

1. Who are the celebrity doppelgangers for Pastor Shaun, Pastor David, Pastor Andrew, and Pastor Joey?

Into the WORD/APPLICATION:

Here are some suggested sites in order to dive deeper into God's Word: blueletterbible.org, desiringgod.org/articles/all, biblos.com, ccel.org, logos.com, connect.ligonier.org, thegospelcoalition.org/channel/bible-and-theology.

Read Matthew 28:18-20 (use other translations to gain a broader understanding of the text). Read the other instances of The Great Commission in Mark 16:15, Luke 24:46-47, John 20:21, and Acts 1:8 and answer the following questions:

1. What are some observations that you have concerning these texts? What stands out or strikes you? What questions arise from reading these passages?
2. In verse 18 Jesus tells his disciples that "all authority has been given to me in heaven and on earth." Why is this so important to understand before we even take one step out the door to make disciples of every nation? What about the nations and peoples who refuse to follow Christ- does Jesus have authority over them?
3. If Christ is the Lord of All (Acts 10:36) and has all authority, but not everyone comes to know Him as Savior, was His saving work on the cross truly and completely effective/successful?
4. In verse 19, we have the call, the commission, the "go" moment. Referencing this verse and Acts 1:8, Charles Spurgeon points out that Christ was commanding his disciples to first "go" to Jerusalem (to the people who murdered Him). Who are the difficult people in your life that God has called you to first preach the Gospel to?
5. Jesus is calling His disciples to "go" to all nations. Have you gone on an international missions trip yet? If so, what was it like? If not, why haven't you?
6. In verse 20, Jesus tells his disciples that "I am with you always, to the end of the age." How does that make you feel when you read that? Does that change your feelings towards evangelism?