



## Sermon Notes

**Term** – Autumn Term

**Series** – Setting the Scene for the year

**Gathering & Date** – 7<sup>th</sup> October 2018

**Title** – Go and make disciples....

**Preacher** –Neil Shepherd

**Reading** – Matthew 28: 16-20 and Mark6: 7-13

**Main message of this talk in one sentence** Go and make disciples of all people...

**Main points** – see PowerPoint attached

There are two 'tracks' that define our lives:

1. Greatest Commandment
2. The Great Commission

This week looked at the Great Commission

Jesus called people to follow him and invited them to spend time with him. Much like a rabbi of that time, the disciples learned from Jesus by his teaching, by his actions and through the opportunity to practise.

Jesus sent the 12 out in Mark 6 and they did the same thing as Jesus had been doing with them. Later the 12 had become 72 and, again, they were sent out to do the same thing – to go and make disciples.

In the build up to and the commission of his disciples, Jesus did three things:

1. He spent time with his followers
2. He gave them authority
3. He sent them out – they had to go to the people!

As followers of Jesus, we are called into a covenant relationship with God and are commissioned to go and make disciples. These twofold tracks are expanded in our vision as connect, grow and influence.

To fulfil this twofold call upon every Christian's life we need to function in community. Community allows us to love God with our strength, heart, mind and soul. Community also encourages us in our God-given purpose through the discipline of others.

**For further thought and prayer** –

1. How has your thinking developed about loving God with your heart, soul, mind and strength? Have you done anything different this week as a consequence?
2. What does it mean for you to make disciples?
3. What are the challenges and questions this raises?
4. What is your understanding of authority? The authority given to you by Jesus?
5. Who and where has God called you to make disciples?
6. How do the passages in Luke's Gospel help you to see the progression of discipleship undertaken by Jesus. (Luke 9 and Luke 10)