

# Aim for Week 4

- To grow in appreciation of the gospel in your own life
- To expect to see people coming to saving faith in Jesus and discipled in the church

## **Practical witness**

Socialize / Be hospitable

## 1. 'Make disciples' Matthew 28:19

'Why are so many supposed Christians sitting on the sidelines of the church, maybe even involved in the machinery of the church, but not wholeheartedly, passionately, sacrificially, and joyfully giving their lives to making disciples of all nations? Could it be because so many people in the church have settled for superficial religion instead of supernatural regeneration?' David Platt & Francis Chan

## 2. Main point: We are called to make disciples not converts

The purpose of this week is to emphasize that making disciples is the main command of the great commission.

- It is not merely the call to bear witness (though it includes that)
- It is not merely to convert people to faith
- It is to make disciples emphasizing long term commitment

# Making disciples is part of our identity in Christ (fishers of men) and to do so is a tremendously fulfilling pursuit

#### 3. Questions

- What do you think about the above quote?
- What does it mean to make disciples?
- How does your own experience of being discipled effect your view of this?
- How could discipling be tremendously fulfilling for you? What needs to change for this to happen?
- Does your involvement in the churches discipling groups help?

### 4. Putting it into practice

- How have you got on with the practical witness this week? Share any stories you have?
- If you haven't done it, why not / what has stopped you?
- Who could you reach out to an socialize with in the coming weeks?
- Who could you invite for a meal?
- What would it take for you to regularly make space in your diary for this?

## 5. Prayer focus

## "Ask the Holy Spirit to give us boldness"

Ask the Holy Spirit to give you increased boldness to say yes and enter the harvest field. Be open to moving in the gifts of the Spirit with words or pictures that may unlock new opportunities and freedom in this. Jesus knew we couldn't do this in our own strength and we would need the Holy Spirit to be our mentor and guide.

#### 6. Tools

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