

Day 1 - Session 2: Our Mission, Motive & The Method Overview

Participant Handout

Session Theme

We are sent to make disciples (the Great Commission - our mission), driven by love for God and people (the Great Commandment - our motive), following Jesus's simple 4-stage process: Come & See → Follow Me → Fish for People → Go & Bear Fruit.

Scripture Focus

- Matthew 28:18-20 (The Great Commission - two commands, three verbs)
- Matthew 22:36-40 (The Great Commandment - love God, love neighbor)
- Luke 10:25-37 (The Good Samaritan - "Who is my neighbor?")
- 1 Corinthians 13:1-3 (Without love, we are nothing)
- 1 John 4:20-21 (You cannot love God and hate your brother)
- John 1:39 ("Come and you will see")
- John 1:43 ("Follow me")
- Matthew 4:19 ("Follow me and I will make you fishers of men")
- John 15:16 ("Go and bear fruit")

Learning Objectives

1. Explain why the Great Commission (make disciples) and the Great Commandment (love God, love people) cannot be separated - one without the other is incomplete
 2. Identify the two commands and three action verbs in Matthew 28:18-20, and describe what "as you go" means for their daily lives
 3. Name all four chairs and their corresponding challenges by memory, and identify which chair they personally are in right now
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Teaching Block 1: The Torch We Carry - Our Mission to Make Disciples

Core Idea: The Great Commission is an everyday commission given to every believer. Jesus's strategy of making disciples who make disciples turned the world upside down within one generation.

- **The Olympic torch illustration:** We carry a far greater torch than any Olympic runner - the light of God desperately needed by a dark and dying world.
- **The structure of the Great Commission - Two commands, three verbs:**

Element	Greek	Meaning
Command 1	<i>mathēteusate</i>	"Make disciples" - the driving focus of Jesus's life
Verb 1	<i>poreuthentes</i>	"As you go" - not a special mission trip, but your daily routine
Verb 2	<i>baptizontes</i>	"Baptizing" - public identification with Christ
Verb 3	<i>didaskontes</i>	"Teaching to obey everything I commanded" - a lifetime of following
Command 2	<i>idou</i>	"Be sure of this!" - Jesus's active presence is always with you

- **Jesus's strategy works:** Within 2 years of Pentecost they "filled Jerusalem" (Acts 5:28). Within 4.5 years, multiplying churches across Judea, Galilee, and Samaria (Acts 9:31). Within 18 years, "turned the world upside down" (Acts 17:6). Within 28 years, "the gospel is bearing fruit throughout the whole world" (Colossians 1:6).
- **Your everyday going IS your mission.** You don't need a mission-sending organization. Going to the rice field, the market, the neighbors - that IS where you carry the torch.

Scripture: *"Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age." - Matthew 28:19-20*

Discussion Block 2: Your "Everyday Commission" - Where Does Your Torch Go?

Small groups of 3-4

1. (5 min) Map Your "Going": Draw a circle (you) in the center of a page. Draw lines outward to every place you "go" in a typical week. Label each place (rice field, market, neighbor's homes, *posyandu*, *arisan*, family gatherings, travel between villages).
2. (5 min) Share your maps with the group. Discuss: Where do your maps overlap? Which of these places already have spiritually curious or seeking people?
3. (5 min) "As You Go" Challenge: Choose ONE common "going" place and brainstorm one practical, relational step to "make disciples" there.

Our group's "everyday commission" idea:

Teaching Block 3: The Engine That Drives It - Our Motive of Love

Core Idea: The Great Commission is our mission, but the Great Commandment is our engine. Without love, disciple-making becomes a program. With love, it becomes a life.

- Two loves that cannot be separated:
 - "If anyone says, 'I love God,' and hates his brother, he is a liar" (1 John 4:20-21)

- Loving God results in loving people. Loving people proves we love God.
- Without love, we are a clanging cymbal (1 Corinthians 13:1-3)
- The question Jesus changed (Luke 10:25-37): NOT "Who is my neighbor?" but "Who is being a neighbor?" The Samaritan saw → had compassion → went → gave. Love manifests itself in compassion and mercy.
- What happens when they come apart:

Mission WITHOUT Motive...	Claimed Motive WITHOUT Mission...
Disciple-making becomes mechanical	Our love is a lie (1 John 3:17-18)
People become projects	We love in word only, not in action
We burn out and become bitter	We never lead anyone to Jesus
We produce followers of our program	We feel warm inside but bear no fruit

- Javanese culture values *gotong royong* (mutual cooperation). This is a beautiful starting point! But without the Great Commission, *gotong royong* stays at rice harvests and house-building. When we add the Great Commission, our love gains eternal purpose.

Scripture: "Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind. This is the first and greatest commandment. And the second is like it: Love your neighbor as yourself." - Matthew 22:37-39

Discussion Block 4: Case Studies - Diagnosing the Disconnect

Same groups of 3-4

For each case, discuss: "What's missing - the mission, the motive, or both? What would Jesus say?"

Case 1: The Program Church *Gereja Harapan* runs 12 programs every week. Everyone is busy. But in 5 years, not one new believer has been baptized, and no one can name a non-Christian

friend they are intentionally walking with toward Jesus. What's missing?

Case 2: The Friendly Farmer Pak Budi is the kindest man in his village. He helps with harvests, gives rice to widows. He says: "I love God and I love people - that's enough. I don't push my religion." He has never once invited anyone to "come and see" Jesus. What's missing?

Case 3: The Burning-Out Church-Planter Suster Maria has planted three house churches. She travels constantly, is utterly exhausted, and recently snapped at a new believer. "The people are just... burdens." Her prayers are empty. What's missing?

Which case is closest to MY current reality?

Teaching Block 5: The Method - 4 Chair Discipling Overview

Core Idea: Jesus developed His disciples naturally and intentionally through four progressive challenges, moving people from seeking to reproducing.

- **Disciple-MAKING, not just discipleship:** Our command is "make disciples who can make disciples" - the whole process from **unbeliever** → **fully-trained, reproducing disciple-maker**. Jesus started BEFORE people believed.
- **The Four Chairs:**

Chair	Who	Challenge	Jesus's Focus
Chair 1	The Lost	"Come and See"	WINNING - connecting with seekers
Chair 2	The Believer	"Follow Me"	BUILDING - establishing foundations
Chair 3	The Worker	"Fish for People"	EQUIPPING - training for ministry

Chair 4	The Disciple- Maker	"Go Bear Fruit"	MULTIPLYING - reproducing the process
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- **Three crucial points:**
 1. Jesus started where people were and moved them forward - **no one stays in one chair forever**
 2. Simple enough for fishermen to learn and reproduce - not for seminary professors only
 3. The goal is to move people all the way to Chair 4 - disciple-makers who make disciple-makers
- **Think of rice farming:** Prepare the soil (Chair 1), nurture seedlings (Chair 2), transplant and train them to grow strong (Chair 3), and they produce grain that becomes seed for the next planting (Chair 4). Jesus's method is organic, patient, intentional, and aimed at multiplication.

***Scripture:** "You did not choose me, but I chose you and appointed you so that you might go and bear fruit - fruit that will last." - John 15:16*

Discussion Block 6: Where Are You Sitting? - Personal Assessment and Next Step

Individual reflection → pairs → whole group

Part 1 - Silent Self-Assessment (5 min): Answer honestly. No one else will read this.

1. Which chair am I in right now? (Circle one)
 - Chair 1: I am still exploring who Jesus really is
 - Chair 2: I believe in Jesus and I'm learning to follow Him, but not yet helping others follow Him
 - Chair 3: I am actively serving and sharing my faith - becoming a worker

- Chair 4: I am intentionally investing in a few people to help them become disciple-makers

2. Why do I think I'm in this chair?

3. What would it take for me to move ONE chair forward? (One concrete step)

Part 2 - Pair Sharing (7 min): Share which chair you're in and what one step forward might look like. Pray for each other - ask God for courage.

Part 3 - Whole Group Declaration (stand together): "Because we love God, we love people. Because we love people, we make disciples. We will do what Jesus did, the way Jesus did it - as we go, wherever we go. He is with us always."

Commitment: This week, my one step forward is:

Prayer: Ask God to seal these truths in your heart, give you courage to identify your chair and take the next step, and fill you afresh with love for God and love for the people in your path.

Application Handles

1. **When you go about your daily routine (farming, market, family, travel),** remember: you are already "going" - now go with a mission. Ask one question each day: "Who in my path today can I invite to 'come and see' - even just to read one Bible story together?"
2. **When your disciple-making feels mechanical, burdensome, or empty,** stop and check your engine. Ask: "Am I doing this out of love for God and love for people, or out of duty?" If the love has run dry, return to the Great Commandment before you return to the Great Commission. Pray: "Lord, fill me with Your love for the people You've given me."
3. **When you meet someone new - a seeker, a new believer, a growing Christian, a potential leader -** use the 4-chair framework to ask: "Where are they in the journey?" Then start where they are and help them take ONE step forward. Don't try to jump them from Chair 1 to Chair 4 in one conversation. Jesus took 3+ years. Be patient and intentional.

My Notes
