

Gathering Time - Evangelize

Once a week, on a day of your choosing, we're asking you to make a discussion about priorities a priority. Use this as a guide for your time together with your family or friends. Perhaps the words on this paper will only be the beginning of your priority conversation. Blessings on your Gathering Time.

Read Matthew 28:16-20

This passage is known as "The Great Commission." To be commissioned means that a responsibility has been passed on to you. If you are commissioned for something it means that someone in authority has responsibility to complete a task and they are either asking for your help or ordering you to help see it completed.

Jesus opens his commissioning of the disciples by saying, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me" (v.18). That's a lot of authority! In other words, whatever he says or requests is something we must take very seriously. He commands his disciples to go make other disciples by teaching others to obey everything they themselves have already been commanded by Jesus to obey. This is a tall task, with a lot of responsibility! Why do you think Jesus needed the disciples' involvement in this task? How do you think the disciples felt after being tasked with such a tall order? What do you think our role is in helping others become followers of Christ?

Pray together. Ask God to provide and help you recognize opportunities to share the good news of Jesus with others in your world. Ask him to give you the wisdom and courage to boldly speak and live the gospel message. Remember, Jesus finishes the Great Commission by saying, "surely I am with you always."

