

Next Steps for Mercy Hill Church **Matthew 28:18-20**

Introduction

As a church we have experienced lots of transitions.
This has caused us to ask God —

- What are you doing here at Mercy Hill?
- Where are you taking us?
- What are the next steps?



We believe God is saying two things to us —

God is pleased with our growth in Faith and Community.

We want each of us to learn what it means to live by FAITH in Jesus Christ.

One of the best ways to grow in faith is by being part of a Christ-centered COMMUNITY.

God is calling us to grow in Mission. (Matthew 28:18-20)

Who is Jesus calling to go and make disciples?

The words “even to the end of the age” show that this command is not just for the apostles, but for every believer.

What does it mean to go and make disciples?

The command to baptize shows that this means finding people who are not disciples, and humbly and lovingly helping them become disciples.

How does Jesus encourage us to do this?

“All authority has been given to me.” The One who has all authority has authorized us to go and make disciples everywhere on planet earth.

“Behold I am with you always.” So as we work on making disciples, He will give us special outpourings of His all-satisfying presence.

What steps will help us do this?

Ask Jesus to help you.

Ask Jesus what steps you can take.

Get trained in your home group.

Each week share with your home group what you have done, and what you will do, to make disciples.

Decide as a home group how often to fast and pray for God to save lost people through you.



HOME GROUP DISCUSSION OF SUNDAY'S TEACHING

(Sometimes in our home groups we talk about Sunday's teaching, so we can work together on responding to God's Word — asking questions, sharing insights, talking together.)

What keeps you from going and making disciples?

Is your life centered on making disciples who make disciples for the glory of Jesus? What would it mean to center your life on this?

As you have asked Jesus what steps He's calling you to take — what is He showing you?

How do you feel about the home group sharing what we have done in the past week, and will do in the coming week, to make disciples — and then praying together about that?

How much faith do you have that we as a home group can actually see lost people saved and drawn into our community? What gives you so much faith — or what weakens your faith?

How often do you think we should do training that would help us make disciples?

How often do you think we as a home group should pray and fast for God to use us to see lost people saved?

Which of the two promises from Matthew 28 was most powerful for you?

Share prayer requests that come up in the discussion, jot them down below, and pray for each other.

Passages I have found helpful to strengthen my faith regarding evangelism:

Matthew 28:18-20
Mark 1:17; 4:26-29
Luke 6:22-23
Acts 1:8; 16:5; 16:14
1 Cor 9:19-27
2 Cor 4:3-6
2 Cor 5:10-11
1 Peter 4:14
Rev 12:11

