DISCIPLE Influencing People John 15:26-27, 16:5-1,1 Matthew 28:18-20 **Pastor Todd Wolfe** Lakeview Chapel April, 3, 2016

<u>Influencing People</u>

¹⁸Then Jesus came to them and said, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. 19 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, ²⁰and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age."

Matthew 28:18-20 (NIV84)

Q: What's a disciple's responsibility towards those far from God?

Discipleship is a heart issue that works itself out through all of our extremities.

Disciples who make disciples who make...

We remake what we model. Spiritual cloning. Our responsibility:

- Testify: Introduce others to Christ
- Reproduce authentic discipleship

The Spirit's responsibility:

- Testify
- Convict

Motion: Make Kingdom Introductions

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For the week of April 3, 2016

QUICK REVIEW

Looking back at your Next Steps from last week, how did last week's sermon cause you to live differently?

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MY STORY

- 1. What is your biggest fear in sharing your faith in Christ with others?
- 2. Was it more difficult deciding to put your faith in Christ, or the journey since deciding to do so? Do you tend to think of one as more important than the other?

DIGGING DEEPER

Pray that God would help you understand the heart of authentic discipleship and how to communicate it to others around you.

1. Evangelism or Discipleship? Read Matthew 28:18-20. Do you feel that these verses are primarily about evangelism or discipleship? Why?

What difference does it make when we think of our responsibility to those who are far from God primarily as one of evangelism or primarily as one of discipleship? 2. Discipleship as a Process. Take a few minutes to really look at and think through Matthew 28:18-20 (it is on the front of this insert). If you had to divide up discipleship into steps based on these verses, what steps would you choose? Place these steps into the first column in the chart below. There are six rows in each column, but your process may have more or less.

For each step, in the middle column, write what a disciple needs to understand and needs to do during this step.

In the last column, indicate for each step whether it is ongoing or whether it is something that is accomplished and finished.

Steps	Understanding and Action	Ongoing?
		Y or N

Look back over your chart and think about the following questions.

Is discipleship something accomplished or ongoing? Why?

Is any step in the process more important than any other? Why?

How would you define discipleship?