

40 Days of Community
Reaching Out
Matthew 28:16-20

How Jesus' Followers Went from 11/120 to 1 Billion

1. Jesus gave them the task of making **other disciples**.
“Then Jesus came to them and said, ‘All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. 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.’” Matthew 28:18-20a
 - Disciple-making begins with calling people to **accept Jesus** as Savior and Lord.
 - Disciple-making continues with calling people to take next steps of **obedience**.
 - **Today's Key Thought: To be faithful to Jesus means we make a priority out of helping others across the bridge.**
2. Jesus' followers have been **effective** in calling people to accept Jesus when they focus on 2 key ingredients.
 - The first ingredient is the **presence** and **power** of God.
“And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age.” Matthew 28:20b
“But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.” Acts 1:8
 - The second ingredient is the witness of **ordinary believers**.
“On that day a great persecution broke out against the church at Jerusalem, and all except the apostles were scattered throughout Judea and Samaria.” Acts 8:1b

As Followers of Jesus, We Are Called To Reach Out Together

1. We need to **care** about those who don't know Jesus and **long** for them to come to know him as Savior and Lord.
2. We need to **passionately pray** that the Holy Spirit will work in their hearts.
3. We need to **actively engage** with those who don't know Jesus.
4. We need, at the right time, to **call them** to faith in Jesus.
5. We need to do all of this both individually and together.