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## PART 1: OWNING THE COMMAND

1. Who does Jesus give the command to 'make disciples' to? Are you convinced that this command still rests on all of God's people?
  - If it is just the eleven there, then they are probably functioning representatively which means the command is give *to the church*.
  - Ephesians 4:11-12 says that shepherds and teachers are there for 'equipping *the saints* for the work of the ministry'.
  - If it is only for the apostles, then why does Jesus say he will be with them till the 'end of the age'?
  - Given that Matthew starts with the statement that Jesus is the son of Abraham, and blessing the nations was such a key component of the

blessing to Abraham, is it not a good reading to see this as being the next step in how the nations will be blessed through Abraham?

2. When you think of your own life, do you recognise Jesus' command to you personally to make disciples?

## PART 2: SELF EVALUATION

1. Are you making disciples?
2. What do you find are the biggest hindrances to you making disciples?
3. What does the bible say about those hindrances?
4. Jesus tells the disciples to baptise people into the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. What does this mean? David suggested it means baptising them into the new covenant (a key issue in Matthew); are you convinced?
5. Jesus told us to teach the nations to 'observe' all that he commanded. Can we point to a time in our lives where we have done this?
6. Jesus' command starts with a 'therefore'. How does Jesus' authority shape the way we hear the command to go and make?
7. How is Jesus promise to be with us always to the end of the age a comfort and an encouragement?