

# Why Share Your Faith?

Share Your Faith – Part 1 (Matthew 28:18-20)

Life Church St. Louis – November 4, 2012

Lead Pastor – Dr. Dan Walker

*Matthew 5:14-16 (NIV) "You are the light of the world. A city on a hill cannot be hidden. Neither do people light a lamp and put it under a bowl. Instead they put it on its stand, and it gives light to everyone in the house. In the same way, let your light shine before men, that they may see your good deeds and praise your Father in heaven."*

*Matthew 28:18-20 (NIV) 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. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age."*

## 1. The \_\_\_\_\_ of our Commander

*Matthew 28:18 (NIV) Then Jesus came to them and said, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me."*

### 1A. The Lord Jesus \_\_\_\_\_ commitment

*Acts 2:36 (NIV) "Therefore let all Israel be assured of this: God has made this Jesus, whom you crucified, both Lord and Christ."*

### 1B. The Lord Jesus \_\_\_\_\_ commitment

*Acts 1:8 (NIV) 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."*

## 2. The \_\_\_\_\_ of our lives

### 2A. Make \_\_\_\_\_ of Jesus

*Matthew 28:19 (NIV) 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,*

### 2B. Make \_\_\_\_\_ committed disciples

*Matthew 28:20a (NIV) and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you.*

## 3. The \_\_\_\_\_ of obedience

### 3A. The \_\_\_\_\_ of Jesus

*Matthew 28:20b (NIV) And surely I am with you always ...*

### 3B. The \_\_\_\_\_ of His mission

*Matthew 28:20c (NIV) ... to the very end of the age."*

*Galatians 6:9 (NIV) Let us not become weary in doing good, for at the proper time we will reap a harvest if we do not give up.*

# Why Share Your Faith? – Study Guide

*Share Your Faith – Part 1 (Matthew 28:18-20)*

Life Church St. Louis – November 4, 2012

Lead Pastor – Dr. Dan Walker

Intro. What are some ways that a believer can share their faith?

In what ways is sharing your faith being a light to the world (Matthew 5:14-16)?

Why do you think it is difficult for many believers to share their faith?

According to Jesus, what priority should the sharing of our faith have in our lives (Matthew 28:18-20)?

1. What do you think that Jesus began the Great Commission (Matthew 28:18-20) with the statement that He had been given all authority (Matthew 28:18)?

1A. What does it mean to acknowledge Jesus as Lord (Acts 2:36)? Why is this essential for salvation (Romans 10:9)?

1B. What is the secret for every believer to have the power to share their faith with others (Acts 1:8)?

What hindrances to you see in your own life to sharing your faith more effectively? How can you overcome those hindrances?

2A. Why is God's purpose for your life to go and make disciples of Jesus (Matthew 28:19)?

2B. What will a fully devoted disciple of Jesus do with the Great Commission (Matthew 28:20a)?

How do you think that our church can become more committed to fulfilling the Great Commission?

3A. In what ways is the promise of Jesus' presence in Matthew 28:20b conditional? Why would Jesus promise to always be with those who are obeying the Great Commission?

3B. How does the fulfillment of the Great Commission relate to the end of the age (Matthew 28:20c)?

What are some ways that you personally can grow in sharing your faith in the remainder of 2012?

Who do you know that you believe God wants you to share your faith with? As a group, pray for the people God has put on your hearts.