

# God's Dream for Life Church (Matthew 28:18-20)

*Keep Your Dream Alive – Part 10*  
Life Church St. Louis – November 17, 2013  
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*Matthew 16:18 (NIV) ... I will build my church, and the gates of Hades will not overcome it.*

*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. Release God's \_\_\_\_\_ through prayer

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

*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 Timothy 3:5 (NIV) [In the last days there will be those] having a form of godliness but denying its power. Have nothing to do with them.*

## 2. \_\_\_\_\_ and make disciples in St. Louis

*Matthew 28:19 (NIV) Therefore go and make disciples of all nations,*

*Matthew 5:16 (NIV) ... Let your light shine before men, that they may see your good deeds and praise your Father in heaven.*

*Revelation 7:9 (NIV) After this I looked and there before me was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, tribe, people and language, standing before the throne and in front of the Lamb.*

## 3. Build a \_\_\_\_\_ church family

*Matthew 28:19 (NIV) ... baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit,*

*1 Corinthians 12:13 (NIV) For we were all baptized by one Spirit into one body--whether Jews or Greeks, slave or free--and we were all given the one Spirit to drink.*

*Acts 2:46 (NIV) Every day they continued to meet together in the temple courts. They broke bread in their homes and ate together with glad and sincere hearts,*

## 4. Teach obedience to all of \_\_\_\_\_

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

*2 Timothy 3:16-17 (NIV) All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness, so that the man of God may be thoroughly equipped for every good work.*

*2 Timothy 4:3 (NIV) For the time will come when men will not put up with sound doctrine. Instead, to suit their own desires, they will gather around them a great number of teachers to say what their itching ears want to hear.*

## 5. Live in God's \_\_\_\_\_

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

*1 Thessalonians 5:17-19 (NIV) pray continually; give thanks in all circumstances, for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus. Do not put out the Spirit's fire;*

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Intro. Why is being part of a biblical church essential for every believer?

What does Matthew 16:18 tell you about the church? What are the implications of these truths?

From Matthew 28:18-20, what would you say is the primary mission of the church?

- 1A. In what way does Jesus having all authority affect the commands of the Great Commission (Matthew 28:18)?
- 1B. Why is the power of the Holy Spirit essential to being Jesus' witnesses (Acts 1:8)?
- 1C. What evidence do you see today of churches having a form of godliness but denying the power of God (2 Timothy 3:5)?
- 1D. In what areas does Life Church need the power of God released through prayer?

- 2A. What are ways that Life Church can reach out and let our light shine in St. Louis (Matthew 28:19, Matthew 5:16)?
- 2B. Why do you think that a multi-generational and multi-ethnic church best represents the kingdom of God (Revelation 7:9)?
- 2C. How do you think the central location of Life Church in the St. Louis makes it easier to grow as a regional church?
- 3A. Why is it important to be committed to our local church family at Life Church (Matthew 28:19, 1 Corinthians 12:13)?
- 3B. How do meeting in a larger meeting on Sundays and in smaller Life Groups during the week complement one another (Acts 2:46)?
- 4A. Why is it important that all Scripture is taught at Life Church? Why is it important that Scripture is taught to be obeyed? (Matthew 28:20a, 2 Timothy 3:16-17)?
- 4B. Why must Life Church avoid the error of churches described in 2 Timothy 4:3?
- 5A. Describe how each of the people of Life Church can live continually in God's presence (Matthew 28:20b, 1 Thessalonians 5:17-19)?