

<u>Sermon Notes – Bob Hawker – 9/10/2023</u>

Matthew 28:18-20 NLT

And Jesus came and spoke to them, saying, "All authority has been given to Me in heaven and on earth. Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all things that I have commanded you"...

Vision for Discipleship: Every believer to recognize and embrace their role as a disciple of Jesus. Posturing themselves in obedience to Christ, so that the love of Jesus changes them, and through them the love of Jesus changes the world.

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Dallas Willard

"A disciple is who Jesus would be if he were you."

Jesus spent 36 months in public ministry, and more than 18 months of them were spent with 12 guys. More than half of his time!

ONE ANOTHER is used 92 times!.

Matthew 18:20 MSG

... "when two or three of you are together because of me, you can be sure that I'll be there."

Acts 9:3-4 NLT

As he was approaching Damascus on this mission, a light from heaven suddenly shone down around him. He fell to the ground and heard a voice saying to him, "Saul! Saul! Why are you persecuting me?"

...to experience a group of Jesus' followers is to experience Jesus.

Fear

Low Self Worth - An internal sense of being worthy of love.

Ephesians 2:10 NLT

For we are God's masterpiece. He has created us anew in Christ Jesus, so we can do the good things he planned for us long ago.

We're too busy.

52% of Americans report feeling lonely. 47% report their relationships with others aren't meaningful.

Henri Nouwen

Friendship is being with the other in joy and sorrow, even when we cannot increase the joy or decrease the sorrow. It is a unity of souls that gives nobility and sincerity to love. Friendship makes all of life shine brightly. Blessed are those who lay down their lives for their friends.