

Faith Family Worship Guide – Week 40

MEMORIZE

Matthew 28:18-20 – And Jesus came and said to them, “All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age.”

Acts 13:2-3 – While they were worshiping the Lord and fasting, the Holy Spirit said, “Set apart for me Barnabas and Saul for the work to which I have called them.” Then after fasting and praying they laid their hands on them and sent them off.

READ

Read Acts 13:1-4.

In our sermon this week Pastor David is leading us to focus specifically on global disciple-making and church multiplication. This is something we talk about a lot around Brook Hills but want to take an opportunity to issue a specific, intentional call for people to step out in these areas. Our mission is to glorify God by making disciples of all nations. The overflow of what we do at Brook Hills should resound in disciples being made and churches being multiplied in this nation and in all nations.

In Acts 13 we see the church at Antioch doing just this. They were fasting and praying, actively seeking to be obedient to the Lord and to join Him in His mission. The result was for a few from among them to be called out to leave and go elsewhere with the expressed purpose of sharing the gospel and making disciples. This calling and sending was first an action of the Holy Spirit before it was an act of obedience by the church. May it be the same for us.

Questions:

Why do we send people from among us to go to other parts of our country and the world?

Why is it important for us to fast and seek God’s direction to call people out for us to send?

How can we prepare ourselves to possibly be sent one day?

Bottom Line: The Holy Spirit calls people out from the church to go and make disciples other places.

SING

As we continue in worship, let's praise God together through music. This week we are singing “When I Survey the Wondrous Cross”. As we look at the cross, we see a "love so amazing, so divine" that it "demands my soul, my life, my all." Christ's sacrifice on the cross is scandalous. The perfect, righteous, exalted King of Kings has humbly come and, like a lamb, laid down His life for undeserving sinners. This act of love compels us to give our lives in following Jesus wherever our good Shepherd may lead us.

Visit our website for a link to this song: www.brookhills.org/gathering/this_week.html.

SUGGESTIONS

These suggestions were created by the age-group ministry leaders as a way to help parents better communicate the biblical truths discussed in the Family Worship Guide. These suggestions are intended to help parents facilitate God-centered discussions with their children. Parents should prayerfully use these suggestions, and any other means necessary, to help their children discover the truths of God’s word and worship Him together.

Preschool

- Before you begin open your Bible to Matthew 28:18-20 and read the verses to your preschooler.
- Take a walk around your neighborhood.
- Discuss with your preschooler the names of neighbors or family members that need to learn about the love of Jesus. Ask them what they can do to tell them or show them God’s love. Practice telling the story of Jesus to each other.
- What would be a good way to get the good news of God's love to friends, family and people all around the world? Make a plan and decide as a family what you will do to tell others about Jesus.

- Jesus said, "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." Jesus wants us to tell everyone we meet about His love for us and share what He has taught us in the Bible. God sent Jesus from Heaven to Earth to save us from our sins and bad choices. He sent the Savior, Jesus, for everyone! Because God loves us, His children, He sent His only Son to save us and now we need to share this good news with other people.
- He said, "Go and make disciples."
- Whoever we are, no matter how old or how young, we are to make disciples of both those around us where we live and among the nations of the world.
- Conclude your family time with prayer. Pray that God will help you with your plan to share God's love with others.

Children

- Ask your child if they can quote the Great Commission, Matthew 28:18-20. Remind them that this is the passage we say at the end of each worship service each week.
- Ask them why they think we end each service by quoting the Great Commission. Remind them that as a church our mission is to "glorify God by making disciples of all nations."
- If you have a globe, grab it and spin it around. Tell your child to randomly point to somewhere on the globe without looking. Ask whether God wants that nation to hear about Jesus. Do you think every person in that nation is a follower of Christ?
- Keep playing this game, spinning the globe and pointing to different nations. The bottom line is clear: God wants EVERY nation to hear about Jesus! (If you do not have a globe, use Google Earth to randomly zoom into different nations around the world.)
- Ask your children why they think at Brook Hills we care so much about sending people to these nations.
- How can the people from these nations hear about Jesus if no one goes there to tell them?
- How does a person know if God might be asking them to go tell these people about Jesus?
- Read Acts 13:2-3. Talk about how we can fast and pray for God to give us direction about how He wants us to be a part of making disciples of all nations.
- Even as children, how can you be a part of making disciples of all nations today? Talk about how we can give, pray, and go. We can give offerings to Global Missions, we can pray for Brook Hills and other missionaries, and we can even go on a short-term mission trip as a family.
- Pray, asking God to lead your family as you seek His will for how you can all be a part of global disciple-making.

Students

- There is no question, all believers are called to "GO and make disciples of all nations." However, the question remains - what does this look like as a student? Does this mean kids everywhere should pack their bags, kiss their moms goodbye, and move to Botswana?
- Discuss this question as a family. Remember, "to make disciples" is a big idea. How do we do this?
- Going to make disciples doesn't necessarily mean moving to the other side of the world. Discuss how a student might go and make disciples in the next 6 months.
- Ephesians 6 is clear. Children are to obey their parents. Matthew 28 is also clear. Believers are to "go and make disciples of all nations."
- These two mandates are not in contradiction to one another. It would be wise for students to remain under the guidance and direction of their parents while also actively going and making disciples.
- What are some things we are holding on to that keep us from being fully obedient to ANY calling that Christ may give us?
- What areas in our lives have we deemed "off limits" to Christ? What are we not willing to give up for Him?
- How is Christ calling you to invest in people this week?