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"TO THE NATIONS"

MATTHEW 28: 16-20 (NASB)

INSIGHT: Leading people to faith in Christ, discipling them in how to follow Christ gets buried in cluttered lives.

TRUTH: God saved no one to stand on the sidelines but to live center stage in His story.

ANOMOLY: 2,000 years after the resurrection, many Christians and churches have lost the plot of God's story (Matthew 24:14).

TRUTH: The pathway to the second coming of Christ is making disciples in *all* the nations.

TRUTH: The saved are left on earth to make disciples out of every nation.

INSIGHT: The primary goal of the Church is not to do something with the saints but to do something for the lost.

QUESTION: "What's the path to reaching the world?"

1. Availability, v. 16, "But the eleven disciples proceeded to Galilee to the mountain which Jesus had designated."

TRUTH: All effective ministry starts with showing up.

2. Worship, v.17, "And when they saw Him, they worshiped."

TRUTH: Discipleship means worship of Christ is your life not an event.

TRUTH: The Bible is always transparently honest.

3. Submission, v. 18, "When He did finally get next to them He said, 'All authority has been given to Me in Heaven and on earth, therefore GO!'"

INSIGHT: Christ has freedom to do exactly what He wants, when He wants, how He wants, with what He wants, and with whomever He wants.

4. Obedience, v. 19, "Jesus said, 'Go therefore...'"

TRUTH: You aren't a disciple of Christ unless you're willing to go, even before you know what that means.