



## The Missing Key Dr. Tony Evans

**Focus** Jesus has all authority. Under His authority, we are to make disciples by going, baptizing, and teaching.

**Fun** If you had one week to do anything, how would you spend your week?

**Review** Key Scripture: Matthew 28:18–20

**1. Jesus has all authority.**

After Jesus died on the cross and was resurrected, He was given all authority over the enemy. In a sense, Jesus took the bullets out of the devil's gun. Now the devil can't defeat us, he can only intimidate us. We are to use the authority of Jesus and make kingdom disciples. We don't have authority in our own right, but because we are disciples of Jesus, we operate under His authority.

**2. As disciples, God's kingdom should be evident everywhere we go.**

The process of discipleship is the process of authority transfer. The idea of being a kingdom disciple is to look so much like Jesus that you could be mistaken for Jesus. Wherever we go, we should bring God's kingdom. We are to disciple not only people but also nations and systems. God's kingdom should grow in our own lives, and we should bring His kingdom into our communities, civic systems, and nation. As a kingdom disciple, you learn to progressively bring God's kingdom into every area of life.

**3. The method of making disciples is by going, baptizing, and teaching.**

In the great commission, Jesus tells us to go. That means we don't sit around and do nothing. If you don't share your faith and declare God's kingdom, you are not a true disciple. You can be a believer and not be a kingdom disciple. When we baptize people, it is more than just dipping them in water. The idea of

baptizing someone conveys that they are fully identified with Christ. Just like a cloth dipped in red dye becomes red, a baptized disciple becomes a representation of Jesus on the earth. We are to teach disciples to observe and obey everything God spoke in His Word.

**\*Group Dynamics Idea\*** It is important for people in your group to feel like owners of the group, not merely spectators. The difference between a spectator and an owner is involvement and responsibility. The more you can share responsibility and engage people in your group, the deeper their commitments will be.

## Discuss

1. Read Matthew 28:18–20. What are your thoughts about these verses? How did this week's message challenge or expand your view of these verses?
2. Dr. Tony Evans made the statement: "To be a kingdom disciple, you learn to progressively bring God's kingdom into your life." How has God's kingdom progressively grown in your own life since you were first born again? What are some ways God's kingdom is continuing to grow in your life?
3. What would be the impact on society if every Christian acted like Jesus? How does a lukewarm Christian act in society versus a true kingdom disciple? What is the difference?
4. How can you personally represent Jesus in your home, your work, and your daily life?
5. A true disciple goes out and shares their faith with others. What are some ways you have shared your faith in the past? What are some ways your group can encourage one another to do this?

**Take Home** As we conclude, remember the following:

- Jesus has all authority in heaven and on earth.
- As disciples, God's kingdom should be evident in our lives and everywhere we go.
- Make disciples by going, baptizing, and teaching.

**Prayer**

Heavenly Father, thank You for inviting us to be in Your kingdom. We acknowledge that Jesus has all authority. We pray every area of our lives would be submitted to the Lordship of Jesus Christ. Help us to proclaim Your name as we go into all the world and make disciples. In Jesus' name, Amen.

**\*New Leader Tip\*** Food is a great icebreaker. Snacks and drinks help people relax and create an atmosphere for easy conversation. Make time for this either before or after your group. Ask each person to sign up to bring snacks or drinks for one meeting.