**Kingdom Disciples Series September 12, 2021**

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* The Authority of Christ
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* The Great Commission
* Reproduce **yourselves**
* Do for others what I have done for you over the last 3 ½ years
* Disciple
  + **Learner**, pupil, student
* Make Disciples
  + To **cause one** to be a learner or student
* “of all the nations”
  + Until now, making disciples was largely to the Israelites

How did Jesus make disciples?

* He had an intentional process
  + He prayed, He called, He trained / mentored  
    He sent them out (Luke 9, Luke 10),   
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What was Christ’s expectations?

* “Go”
  + Indicates **intention** of ongoing and persistent action
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* Baptizing
  + It was the way to **publicly identify** oneself with a change of life / behavior
* Father, Son and Holy Spirit
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* Teaching
  + Christ had **modeled** teaching in many venues and different settings
  + Every lesson that Jesus taught was to be **recalled and woven** into the disciple making efforts of the future
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The Disciples Comfort

* “I am with you always”
  + Christ knew He would not physically be present
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