

Jesus GO Training -6

Welcome Baptized Disciples of Jesus – GO Training

Lesson 6

Always be Ready to Ask a Question

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**Objective: Help disciples accomplish the tasks
assigned by Jesus
in a religiously confused and secular world**

Training every Disciple to GO and make Disciples

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The Great Commission of Jesus is the foundation for Training Baptized Disciple of Jesus to Go into the World.

Matthew 28:18-20

¹⁸ Then Jesus came to them and said, “All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. ¹⁹ Therefore **go and make disciples** of all nations, **baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit,** ²⁰ and **teaching them to obey everything** I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age.”

Disciples Task Summary

- 1. GO make Disciples by immersing (baptizing) them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit **for the forgiveness of sins***
- 2. Teach Disciples to **do their best to** obey everything Jesus commanded the Apostles*

Matthew 28:18-20

A good way to receive a spiritual question is to First ask a spiritual question.

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The commission of Jesus to his apostles is the key to representing Disciples, the church, answering spiritual questions and presenting directions to Heaven.

“I am a baptized disciple of Jesus” is a better way to represent our spiritual allegiance – the Christian label is ambiguous today

“The “church tbt Christ” is a better way to represent our worship and fellowship instead of “church of Christ” and to educate and separate the church from society with multiple religious organizations --- denominations and labels are irrelevant in Heaven

The Great Commission of Jesus provides simple directions and actions in response to questions.

Directions to Heaven:

1. Decide to become an Immersed (Baptized) Disciple of Jesus to have your sins forgiven
2. Do your best to obey everything Jesus commanded the Apostles

Greatest & Most Important commands of Jesus

1. Love Almighty God with all your heart, mind, soul, and strength
2. Love your neighbor (those you encounter) as yourself
3. Remember Jesus body and blood sacrifice on the first day of every week

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As Baptized Disciples of Jesus (B DOJs), we are commanded to GO into the world and make Disciples

Jesus' command is not ambiguous, we know the desired result.

BDOJs are in the situation of the Servants entrusted with bags of gold by their master in Matthew 25:14-30

The servants were not told what to do with the bags of gold entrusted to them - but something was expected of them

What is not specified for BDOJs is how to GO into the world

But helping make Disciples is expected of us

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The objective of Going into the World is not to be of the World, but to be different from the World

This path is difficult because no one wants to be different - It requires a decision of a Disciple's will and faith in Help from the Holy Spirit

Being different in the way we speak and the actions we take will encourage others to ask questions. – gentle and respectful

Our objective is to position ourselves and the church tbt Christ outside and above all divisions and denominations

“Religious denominations and divisions are irrelevant in Heaven”

It is impossible to make anyone a Disciple by ourselves.

John 6:44

⁴⁴ “No one can come to me unless the Father who sent me draws them, and I will raise them up at the last day.

- The Power is in the Word of God – the words of Jesus
- Share our spiritual thoughts and actions with relationships
- Allow the Holy Spirit to work on those we encounter
- Be patient and wait for questions
- Continue being gentle, respectful and helpful

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The first step in making disciples is to be prepared for any situation – be ready to speak or answer spiritually.

Remembering Jesus great commission gives Disciples ready answers to many questions – this training series

Practice using spiritual responses as a good way to indicate your belief in the Word and Jesus

Example: “In God wills, I will be there” or “If God is Willing” , etc.

Example: “God will take care of that on Judgment day”

Example: “That’s no way to get off the Long Black Train”

BDOJs should have answers to basic spiritual questions at the ready.

How would you answer: “Why are you a Christian”

My answer: “I am a baptized disciple of Jesus and I try my best to obey everything Jesus commanded the apostles because I believe Jesus is the son of Almighty God, my creator.”

“I also believe that everything that Jesus and the apostles ask me to do is best for me, for my wife, for my children, for my community and the only way to an eternal reward in heaven.”

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How would you answer? “Why do you worship with the church of Christ”

My answer: “I worship and fellowship with the church that belongs to Christ because that church makes every effort follow Jesus commission to make disciples via baptism for the forgiveness of sins and to obey everything Jesus commanded the apostles. ”

How would you respond to? “There are many other churches that practice the same thing. Why is the church tbt Christ different?”

My answer: “The church tbt Christ makes every effort to follow **only** the Bible in determining what is acceptable to Almighty God without the requirements of human institutions or the desires of society ”

The second step in making disciples is establishing some type of relationship with non-disciples

A relationship is established by being **involved** in the same location, business, hobbies, interests, or problems.

A relationship is established by being **interested** in another's life, problems and desires – and offering assistance.

A relationship is established **servicing** another's needs – what another cannot do for themselves – Good Samaritan

Developing a relationship outside our family and fellowship is a decision of a Disciple's will to agape others.

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Disciples can invite questions everyday by the way we speak and the actions we take.

Live your life and tailor your speech and actions to cause others to ask a question about your life – say something.

Learning what those around you need and serving them in a gentle and respectful manner is a good way to receive a question.

No matter how received, disciples know how to answer questions about their behavior and their actions.

Making comments or asking questions about “Bad News” topics is an example of how start a spiritual conversation.

- Example 1: “John, I have been thinking about judgment day,. What do you think about Judgment day?.”
- Wait for a return question – “I have not thought about judgment day. What do you know about Judgment day?”
- “I was reading my Bible the other day where the Bible says that every soul will stand before the judgment bar of God to answer for the things done in this life, both good and evil. “ I was just wondering what you thought about t?

Making remarks about spiritual topics as a common practice is a good way to encourage a question.

- Example : When seeing a person attempting a life threatening activity: “That guy is sure in a hurry to get to Judgment Day.”
- Example : When seeing a person doing something evil: “Wow, I really would not want to be that person on Judgment Day.”
- Example : When seeing a person obeying Jesus commands to the apostles: “Heaven awaits the those obedient to Jesus commands to the apostles.”

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Seeking to understand what a person cannot do for themselves and offering to help is a good way to a spiritual discussion.

- Example : Encounter with someone who seems to be without hope.
- “ I notice that you seem to be very despondent. Can I help you in some way? May I pray with you?
- To show mercy, disciples need to know what is needed which requires asking how we can help those we encounter.

Another way to start a spiritual conversation is to provide something to those you encounter. Examples:

- If you happen to be the best pie baker around, bake a pie for your neighbor. In order to agape your neighbor, you need to know your neighbor.
- If you happen to have lawn mowing skills or equipment, mow a neighbors lawn who cannot do so.
- Bottom Line: Share your skills and capabilities with those you encounter to give them what they cannot provide for themselves. Give the reason for your actions to Jesus.

What should a Disciple do when failing to be a good Disciple in the presence of others?

- This situation is what most Disciples dread the most. “I have just failed Jesus and become a hypocrite to those involved.”
- But, this is an opportunity to demonstrate your thankfulness to Jesus as a Disciple. – humble yourself
- Apologize to those involved, ask for forgiveness, and state: “This is the reason I am a Disciple of Jesus – I sin by not treating others as I want to be treated and without the sacrifice of Jesus forgiving my sin, I would be on the Long Black Train to Hell.

What to do in the case no one welcomes you or wants to listen to your words?

- **Matthew 10:14**
“If anyone will not welcome you or listen to your words, leave that home or town and **shake the dust** off your feet.”
- Be humble and do not burn a bridge, but position yourself to be a source of information and assistance to those who someday may want to listen to your words from Jesus.
- Leave a card with directions to Heaven.

BDOJ Training Class Summary

The Objective of this Training Series is to help Disciples accomplish the tasks set for Disciples by Jesus' Great Commission.

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Every Disciple is responsible to Almighty God for some part in the task list of Jesus. Find your skills for Jesus.