

# October 15<sup>th</sup>, 2017 Message Discussion Questions

## REVIEW:

1. On Sundays we've been nailing down our mission as the church today, as a group re-read Matthew 28.16-20.

- What does Jesus say our mission here is?
- Do you remember the difference between DiscipleSHIP and DiscipleMAKING as Jesus describes it here?
- What is the mission statement of Bethel Church?
  - Where do you see that HERE in Matthew 28?

2. Last Sunday we talked about the importance of reading the Bible throughout the week.

- What in your past experience has made reading the Bible hard?
- What in your past experience has led to a "good quiet time?"

## FOR NOW:

*There are 4 steps to take if you want to get the most out of any passage you read in Scripture:*

- *PRAY (before you read) for understanding.*
- *OBSERVE (play detective – what are the facts?)*
- *INTERPRET (what does it all mean?)*
- *APPLY (what does it mean for me?)*

3. As a way to practice this, do this exercise as a group with 1 or 2 of the following passages (both about God's Word), working through each of the points of the list above as a group and sharing your input together.

- Hebrews 5.11-14
- 2 Timothy 3.12-17

4. Debrief.

- What made that hard?
- What made it easy?
- Has everyone shared a point of obedience to walk away with for the week?

5. Pray together before you go.

- Begin by being thankful for God's Word – maybe even have everyone say one reason they're thankful for God's Word.
- Pray for the person on your left with what their step of obedience will be this week.