

# DO WHAT JESUS DID

Matt 10:1-8, 16-20



## SYNOPSIS

Practicing the Way involves 1) being with Jesus, 2) becoming like Jesus, and 3) doing what Jesus did.

Do what Jesus did: Do what Jesus would do if he were you. Play your part. Fulfill your call. Make your contribution to the church and the world.

Is it realistic to do the things Jesus did? Jesus would say "yes", and that he believes and expects us to do even greater things. (John 14:12)

There are things Jesus wants us to know, things he wants us to do, and places he wants us to go.

Too often, the modern church stops at knowledge. Some Christians might even work on their sin issues. But being a disciple is more than that. Focusing solely on our sin issues prevents us from fully embracing who God says we are. If we focus on living out the identity God speaks over us, we can experience unparalleled transformation that also takes care of our sin issues.



## OUTLINE

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### THERE ARE THINGS JESUS WANTS US TO KNOW

#### 1) Authority

- The Great Commission springs from Jesus's authority (Matt 28:18).
- Submitting all of who we are (e.g. relationships, dreams, money, ethics, sexuality) under Jesus's authority feels difficult if not impossible.
- But if the heart is deceitful above all things and beyond cure (Jer 17:9), and if the promise of trusting in God is life and fruitfulness (Jer 17:5-8), should we be the final authority in our own lives?

2) Security: The main resource Jesus promises for doing the Great Commission is being with us. (Matt 28:20b)

Jesus wants us to do Kingdom work, but we first need to know his authority and feel secure in relation to him.

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### THERE ARE THINGS JESUS WANTS US TO DO

Jesus's disciples in 3 steps: teach, show, and send. He taught the Sermon on the Mount then did many things (e.g. hospitality, praying, healing the sick, driving out demons, teaching the practices, preaching the gospel, peacemaking, doing justice, prophesying, standing against corruption). He invites the church to do them too so that we can be an incarnational, faithful presence in the world (pursuing both social justice and justification/sanctification).

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### THERE IS SOMEWHERE JESUS WANTS US TO GO

Jesus sent his disciples to Judea, Samaria, and the ends of the earth. (Act 1:8) The psyche of a shepherd who sends his sheep among wolves (Matt 10:16) is one of supreme confidence that his presence is enough to care for them and work through their weaknesses. While this might feel vulnerable, we can see our inadequacies in the light of God's sovereignty and discover hope and faith.



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## DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

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What is your relationship with authority? How does that inform your relationship with Jesus's authority?

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In what ways do you feel (in)secure in your relationship with Jesus?

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What are some things Jesus did that you are doing? What is one thing he did that you are not yet doing but feel invited to imitate?

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Which focus defines your life? (working on sin issues vs. trusting God and my God-given identity) How can you increase the latter focus's influence on your life?

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Describe your psyche/behavior knowing that your Good Shepherd has sent you out as a sheep among wolves. What would it look like for you to have supreme confidence in the One who sent you?



## BIG IDEA

Do what Jesus did. Know authority and security in him. What we do and where we go should be an overflow of the gospel's transformation work in our lives.