

LAST ORDERS

FEEDBACK

*What was last week's action point? How did you get on with it?
How is your SEED Group evangelism going?*

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*Why do you think God doesn't take us straight to heaven when we become Christians?
What do you think that God wants us to be doing in his world?*

The last words of anyone are important especially when they know they are about to leave. Jesus gave some important "Last Orders" to his disciples. We call this the Great Commission.

READ Matthew 28:16-20

*What is the setting of this commission? (When? Where? Who is there?)
Why does Jesus start his commission with the issue of "authority"?
What is significant about the word "go"?
What does "make" disciples mean in practice? What clues do we get in 18-20?*

Note: The word disciple in the Greek is mathetes, which literally means learner. A true disciple doesn't just gain head-knowledge, but puts what they know into practice.

*What is the geographical scope of these last orders?
Have you ever taken the gospel beyond your circle of friends or hometown?
What excites you/scares you about taking part in the Great Commission?
What does Jesus promise his disciples? How can this encourage us?*

TRUE OR FALSE

If you're not making disciples then you're not helping to fulfil the Great Commission!

PRAY

In pairs discuss your level of engagement with the Great Commission. Then honestly pray for each other.

ACTION POINT

Get more intentional (without being pushy!) by actively encouraging some students that are younger in the faith than yourself.

DIGGING DEEPER

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