

## **Vision**

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### I. Introduction.

- A. How we view the Great Commission will determine the rest of our life.
- B. The Great Commission is the marching orders of the church.
- C. Text: Matthew 28:19-20.

### II. Jesus' authority is the basis for the command that He would give others.

- A. A dull life may be the result of sin.
- B. Sins committed by non-Christians.

- 1. Blasphemy. (Matthew 12)
- 2. Resistance. (Acts 7)
- 3. Contempt. (Hebrews 10)

#### C. Sins committed by Christians.

- 1. Lying to the Spirit. (Acts 4)
- 2. Grieving the Spirit. (Ephesians 4:30)
- 3. Suppressing the Spirit. (I Thessalonians 5:19)

### III. A definition of discipleship.

#### A. A disciple is a person who continues in the Word of God. (John 8:31-32)

- 1. We must “continue” in the Word of God.
- 2. To continue in the Word of God means knowing what Jesus said, studying Jesus' life, penetrating the meaning and obedience. (Romans 15:18)

#### B. A disciple is a person who walks in love. (John 13:34-35)

- 1. Jesus made Himself of no reputation by washing the disciples' dirty feet—we must “lay aside our garments” like Jesus did.

2. We ought to be vulnerable and involved in other people's lives.

C. A disciple is a person who bears fruit. (John 15:8)

1. Jesus is the true reality.

2. Fruit is simply excess life.

3. Our fruit is disciples.

4. The vision of the Navigators is the potential of every man reproducing himself in the life of another man.

5. Make disciples because that is all that is left. (John 17:4)

**Application questions:**

1. What is your plan for studying the Bible?

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2. What are some modern practical ways we can "wash others' feet?"

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3. How can you maximize your influence in the lives of those around you? Be specific.

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