

Asking for a Friend: What is the direction of Cornerstone Christian Church?

April 26, 2026 Discussion Guide

Matthew 28:18-20

CHECK UP:

*Memory work: For what I received I passed on to you as of first importance: that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures, that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day according to the Scriptures, and that he appeared to Cephas, and then to the Twelve.

- 1 Corinthians 15:3-4

*What has God been teaching you over the past couple of weeks?

OPEN:

- What was a highlight in your week this past week? What was a particular challenge you had?
- How do you think the average person on the street would answer this question: what is the purpose of the church?
 - o How do you answer that question? Where do you find the basis for your answer?

READ and DISCUSS: Matthew 28:18-20, Matthew 4:18-22, Colossians 1:28-29;

Matthew 7:24-27

- What does it mean to be a disciple of Jesus?
- Jim Putnam and Real Life Ministries defines a disciple as someone who: *follows Jesus, is being changed by Jesus and joins the mission of Jesus.*
 - o How do you see that played out in these passages?
 - o Go through each part of that definition and talk about what that means in detail (following Jesus, being changed by Jesus, joining the mission of Jesus).
 - o Does that definition affirm or challenge what you have previously thought of as the definition of a disciple?
- Disciple making is the core mission of the church. How should that impact how we "do church"?
 - o Why do you think our idea of church mostly involves our view of a couple hours a week, rather than how the church lives throughout a week?

APPLY:

- If your life was defined and lived out as being a disciple maker, how would it impact the way you lived on a daily basis?
 - o What aspect of the great commission do you need to obey today?
- NEXT STEP: How could you use the acronym FORM (engage in conversation by asking someone about their Family, Occupation, Recreation/Religion and gently sharing the message of Jesus) to begin a discipling relationship this week?

Memory Work:

All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. 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, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age." - Matthew 28:18-20

Next Week's Reading:

Psalm 119:9-16, John 17:17; 2 Timothy 3:16-17; Hebrews 4:12; 2 Peter 1:20-21