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Five Simple Truths About Jesus' command to Make Disciples

1. To make a disciple is to make a Learning Believer

2. To make a disciple is to teach for Salvation

3. To make a disciple is to teach for **Sanctification**

4. To make disciples is the loftiest, highest, grandest, greatest, most important calling on earth

5. He has entrusted "the most important job on earth" to humans

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Ephesians 1 18 I ask that the eyes of your heart may be enlightened, so that you may know the hope of His calling, the riches of His glorious inheritance in the saints, 19 and the surpassing greatness of His power to us who believe. He displayed this power in the working of His mighty strength,

Ephesians 1:20 which He exerted in Christ when He raised Him from the dead and seated Him at His right hand in the heavenly realms, 21 far above all rule and authority, power and dominion, and every name that is named, not only in this age, but also in the one to come. 22 And God put everything under His feet and made Him head over everything for the church, 23 which is His body, the fullness of Him who fills all in all.

Nine Areas of Christ's Authority

1. Authority as Creator

Colossians 1:15 The Son is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn over all creation. 16 For in Him all things were created, things in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or authorities. All things were created through Him and for Him.

Nine Areas of Christ's Authority

1. Authority as Creator

 All of creation was created FOR HIM
He is the rightful recipient of every created being's worship and adoration

He has created you to accomplish what He has commanded you to do

He creates "new creations" in place of the old

James 1 18 He chose to give us birth through the word of truth, that <u>we would be a kind of</u> <u>firstfruits of His creation</u>.

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2. Authority of Sustaining His Creation

Hebrews 1:3 The Son is the radiance of God's glory and the exact representation of His nature, upholding all things by His powerful word.

Colossians 1:17 He is before all things, and <u>in</u> <u>Him all things hold together</u>.

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2. Authority of Sustaining His Creation

He is managing His creation, therefore I can focus on His work for me and I can live without fear

Matthew 10:29 Are not two sparrows sold for a penny? Yet not one of them will fall to the ground apart from the will of your Father.

- 30 And even the very hairs of your head are all numbered.
- 31 So do not be afraid; you are worth more than many sparrows.

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3. Authority Over Satan and Demons

1 John 5:18 We know that anyone born of God does not keep on sinning; the One who was born of God protects him, and <u>the evil one cannot</u> <u>touch him</u>.

19 We know that we are of God, and that the whole world is under the power of the evil one.

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3. Authority Over Satan and Demons

In Christ, we are free from the control of the evil one so that now we can obey His commands

Our mission is to "open their eyes so that they may turn from darkness to light and <u>from the</u> power of Satan to God"

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Acts 26:17 I will rescue you from your own people and from the Gentiles. I am sending you to them 18 to open their eyes, so that they may turn from darkness to light and from the power of Satan to <u>God</u>,

that they may receive forgiveness of sins and an inheritance among those sanctified by faith in Me.'

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4. Authority Over Earthly Rulers

Proverbs 21:1 The king's heart is a stream of water in the hand of the Lord; he turns it wherever he will.

Daniel 2:21 He changes times and seasons; he removes kings and sets up kings;

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4. Authority Over Earthly Rulers

No earthly rulers, nor their armies, nor their decrees can thwart God's plans to build His kingdom and save His people

Isaiah 14 24 The Lord Almighty has sworn, "Surely, as I have planned, so it will be, and as I have purposed, so it will happen. 25 I will crush the Assyrian in my land; on my mountains I will trample him down. His yoke will be taken from my people, and his burden removed from their shoulders." 26 This is the plan determined for the whole world; this is the hand stretched out over all nations. 27 For the Lord Almighty has purposed, and who can thwart him? His hand is stretched out, and who can turn it back?

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