“Now That You’re Armored”

Part 2 – September 25

1. The second marching order is what makes or breaks the defeat of the evil one, as the church grows not only larger but deeper, loving God with heart, soul, and mind, and… thy neighbor as thyself. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
2. Therefore, go and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit. **20**Teach these new disciples to obey all the commands I have given you. Matthew 28:19-20. When did we transfer this assignment to professional church leaders? Do you have a story of discipling someone?

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1. Discussion: “Non-discipleship is the elephant in the church; it is not the many moral failures, financial abuses, or the amazing general similarity today between Christians and non-Christians. These are only the effects of the underlying problem.” Which is?

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1. We love BIG and we love FAST. But many things in life cannot be had with BIG or with FAST. Can you add to the list you heard stated two Sundays ago when Dr Bob spoke?

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1. 1 Thessalonians 2:8 “We loved you so much that we were delighted to share with you not only the Gospel of God but our lives as well, because you had become so dear to us.” Why are both of these important elements? - to share the Gospel and ‘our lives’ as well.

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1. Disciples are not made by or through great programs, great events or great church outreach. Transformation of who you are in Christ happens when you allow a few people to know you well. It is only in the context of personal relationships where questions can be asked, stories shared, sin confessed, pain or grief heard and felt, accountability offered, and encouragement given within a person’s life crises. Have you witnessed the difference in these two environments? A group of 10 compared to 2 or 3.

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1. “A new command I give you: Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples if you love one another. John 13:34

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1. Finish by discussing the missing piece in most churches, where your heart may be with the great Commission and why you think Jesus promised to be with you through this to the very end. Would you pray for an opportunity to disciple someone?