

# GO: Go Plant

## Week 2 – May 23, 2021

### Scripture: Matthew 16:13-18 and 28:16-20; Acts 1:8

*Grab your Bible and a few people to connect with. Look up the verses below and share your thoughts. It's that easy!*

**Share:** Think about someone who had a great impact on you. How did this person impact you?

**Read Matthew 16:13-18; Matthew 28:16-20; and Acts 1:8 together:** Take turns reading if you prefer. Enjoy the different Bible translations we each read.

#### Discuss the following context:

The "Go" series is built around increasing our personal and passionate commitment to the mission Jesus gave to His first followers and handed down to us. That mission can be summed up in one word --- **GO!** Christian life is not just about personally coming to Jesus, but it's also about inviting others to come to Him.

Sometimes the smallest decision can lead to a chain of events that can cause an unimaginable impact. All of us live lives of impact, but what kind of impact are we having? Francis Chan said, *"Our greatest fear should not be of failure, but of succeeding at things in life that don't really matter."* This applies to us as individuals and us as a church. It is possible for a church to succeed at things that don't really matter. "Going" matters – both on a personal level (it's the Come & See and Go & Tell from week 1 of the series) and at a group level. One of the ways we GO is through church planting.

#### Share your thoughts about following questions:

1. The "going" church, is God's plan for how to impact and change this world (Matthew 16:13-18). It might seem easier to just keep sharing the gospel with people in our personal circles, but a community committed to reaching people will reach more people. Do you agree? Why or why not?
2. The Great Commission (Matthew 28:16-20) involves 3 steps: (1) "go", (2) "baptizing them" and (3) "teaching them to obey everything" Christ has commanded. How would you describe fulfilling The Great Commission where you live? Can you imagine yourself involved in the call to make disciples of all nations? How?
3. Acts 1:8 describes a calling to *Jerusalem* (local), *Judea and Samaria* (regional/national), and *to the ends of the earth* (global). What do you think is your part in this? Which of these areas is more natural for you? Which is the hardest? Explain.

**Pray together:** Ask each other to share what is on your heart today. Thank God that He gives us the mission to GO and the ability to impact others for Him. Ask Him for His wisdom to see what matters and what does not matter in our lives. Pray for those who are called to plant churches to further expand God's Kingdom and those who are called to support these churches. Pray for our church to focus on what matters most in the call to GO.