

With Us

Free To Go! (Wk.3)

LifeNotes

TALK IT OVER

Main Idea

When safety and comfort become our primary filter, we miss out on the grand adventure God has for our lives.

Key Scriptures

All this took place to fulfill what the Lord had said through the prophet: "The virgin will conceive and give birth to a son, and they will call him Immanuel" (which means "God with us"). Matthew 1:22-23

All authority in heaven and earth has been given to me. Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and 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

Come, follow me," Jesus said, "and I will make you fishers of men." Matthew 4:19

Key Points

The first name given to our Lord becomes the last promise He gives to His people.

Rather than "go", we often settle for selfish comfort and an experience tailored to fit our desires.

We need to stop wrestling with questions Jesus has already answered.

Start talking.

- What are examples you've seen recently of going overboard on safety and comfort?
- Where is the line between wise safety and crazy overprotection?
- How does our concern for safety lead to an unhealthy desire for greater comfort?

Start thinking.

- Read Matthew 28:18-20. Before calling us on mission, Jesus makes a point of stating His authority. Why is that important in light of what He says afterward?
- Jesus' authority was "given" to him in the same way a gold medalist has earned and is then presented with a gold medal. In what ways did Jesus earn the authority that was given to Him?
- To "go" means to pursue it with reckless and passionate devotion. What is an example of someone you know or have heard of, that pursued a calling with that level of tenacity?
- What does it mean to "make disciples"?
- Why is baptism and obedience to Jesus' commands so closely tied to discipleship?
- How does "with you always" impact His call on our lives?

Start sharing.

- What happens when we allow safety and comfort to get in the way of our calling to make disciples?
- Who has disciplined you in the past?
- What holds you back from embracing this commission for yourself?
- What would change if you pursued this calling with reckless abandon?
- How would Harbor change if all us owned this calling together?

Start doing.

- Discipleship always happens in the context of a relationship. Relationships form as we come to know one another's stories. Who is Jesus telling you to "go" to? How can you better come to know their story? Begin praying that God would give you opportunities to share your story of how Jesus has impacted your life.

Closing prayer.

Jesus help to embrace the calling you have on my life. Give me the courage to pursue your purposes with reckless abandon! Remind me that because you are with me, I need not fear. Give me a passion for making disciples and for practically loving those around me.