



## **Dig Deeper @Home – “Go!”**

### **Complement to sermon on August 14, 2016 – “Go & Learn”**

#### **MEMORIZE – Matthew 28:19-20**

Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age.”

#### **READ Matthew 9: 9-13**

##### **Questions to ponder/discuss:**

1. What is this passage revealing about God and what is it revealing about us as humans?
2. If the above is true, what needs to change in your life? What will that look like?
3. Jesus quotes Hosea 6:6 in verse 13. Go back and read Hosea 6:6 keeping in mind that Hosea’s wife Gomer had children with other men and eventually leaves him, only to have him purchase her back as she stood naked at a slave auction. With that mind, what is the impact of Hosea 6:6?
4. Jesus meets back up with the Pharisees in Matthew 12. In verse 7 He says, “And if you had known what this means, ‘I desire mercy, and not sacrifice’...” making a bookend between 9:13 and 12:7. This tells us that everything in between these verses is Matthew’s way of helping us to understand what Jesus says “I desire mercy and not sacrifice” means by the examples Matthew shares.
  - a. So, read Matthew 9:13 to 12:8 in one sitting
  - b. Pray and ask God to show you which of the accounts he wants you to apply this week in your life
    - i. As you apply it you will learn what it means. Write down what you experienced as you applied it.
5. Compare and contrast the call of Matthew in 9:9 to the call of Abram in Genesis 12

**Bottom Line - Give a one or two sentence summary of the scripture:**

## **Experiential**

Sometimes activities help us to understand and process biblical truths. The ones below are suggestions for how to experience the truths of Matthew 9. Feel free to use one of these or any you might come up with.

### **Traffic Light**

The idea is simple: put a traffic light at the door you use most to leave your house and tap it every day to remind yourself to put God's word into practice. Now, you can make a traffic light out of cardboard or wood, you can buy a traffic light (there's a really cool bank that lights up and is on a pedestal) or you can print out a picture of one from online or draw one yourself. The important thing is you have a traffic light and you put it by your primary exit.

**SING** (a suggested song to sing. Use this or any song you might want to sing)

**Trust and Obey** – Mennonite Hymnal #577

Trust and obey for there is no other way

**Send me out** - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=L8ZGQPW7OXg> This song is an invitation to make a commitment to go and to be Jesus' hands and feet as we go.

## **PRAY**

This is a time to gather around for prayer requests and to share how you have seen God at work. A time to hear where God is showing up in our lives and where we need Him to help us in our lives.

**Sending prayer based on the lesson:** Lord, strengthen us, empower us, embolden us to go from here applying your word to every area of our life. May we experience your presence in a new way as we intentionally submit to you and your word as we go this week. May you be glorified, Amen