

# ALL IN



## A DEEP DIVE INTO THE GREAT COMMISSION

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**Go therefore and make  
disciples of all nations...**



# WELCOME

From Executive Director Tim Sprankle



During high school, my friends and I started a Bible study with our classmates. We met weekly in homes to sing, pray, and learn God's Word. We called ourselves the Young Disciples of Christ or YDC.

This was a formative season in my faith. Jesus consumed me. I followed Him, talked about Him, and dedicated my life to serving Him.

Thirty years later, I'm a Middle-Aged Disciple of Christ (MADC). I remain committed to His call to make disciples of Jesus. He's with us in every age and life stage. He wants us to be ALL IN for all time.

Thus, we will build on the theme from Charis Fellowship Conference, doing a DEEP DIVE into the Great Commission.



# ALL IN

## A Deep Dive into the Great Commission

### THE THEME

Charis Fellowship Conference set the stage for what it means to be a disciple who makes disciples. At Central Focus Retreat, we're going to continue looking at discipleship and the commandment from Jesus to be disciple-makers. Whether or not you attended conference, this retreat will help you deepen your understanding of the Great Commission and engage with the mission.

As we study the Great Commission in Matthew 28:18–20, we'll look at the themes of authority, multiplication, identity, and obedience. We'll also hear testimonies from several leaders about how they've experienced Jesus' presence.



# SCHEDULE

## Daily Activities

### Monday

- 4:00 p.m.** Check in
- 4:45 p.m.** Session One: All Authority *Matthew 28:18a*
- 6:00 p.m.** Dinner
- 7:00 p.m.** Session Two: All People *Matthew 28:19a*
- 8:30 p.m.** Optional Late Night Hangout

### Tuesday

- 8:00 a.m.** Breakfast
- 9:00 a.m.** Free Time
- 11:00 a.m.** Session Three: All in the Family *Matthew 28:19b*
- 12:00 p.m.** Lunch
- 1:00 p.m.** Free Time
- 5:00 p.m.** Dinner Off-Site
- 7:00 p.m.** Session Four: All Commands *Matthew 28:20a*
- 9:00 p.m.** Optional Late Night Hangout

### Wednesday

- 8:00 a.m.** Breakfast
- 9:00 a.m.** Session Five: Always with Us *Matthew 28:20b*
- 11:00 a.m.** Dismissal

### MATTHEW 28:18–20

And Jesus came and said to them, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to Me. 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."

### Church Swag Swap Table

Bring an item or two from your church to put on the table and take an item from another church home with you. As you see that item over the year, let it be a reminder to pray for your brothers and sisters who are serving in other churches. Your item doesn't have to be fancy — stickers, pens, t-shirts, and magnets are all great items to share!



# Reading & Prayer

Read, Reflect, & Look for Markers of Spiritual Maturity

## ADVANCE READING

Matthew 5-7

Luke 1:6-8

John 15

## PRAYER PROMPTS

MONDAY EVENING | Matthew 5:3-10

"Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.

Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth.

Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled.

Blessed are the merciful, for they will be shown mercy.

Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God.

Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.

Blessed are those who are persecuted because of righteousness, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven."

TUESDAY MORNING | Written by Jon Rauch

Father, I am your beloved child and masterpiece. Fill me with your love.

Jesus, I am your brother and ambassador. Fill me with your life.

Spirit, I am your temple and trustee of your gifts. Fill me with your power.

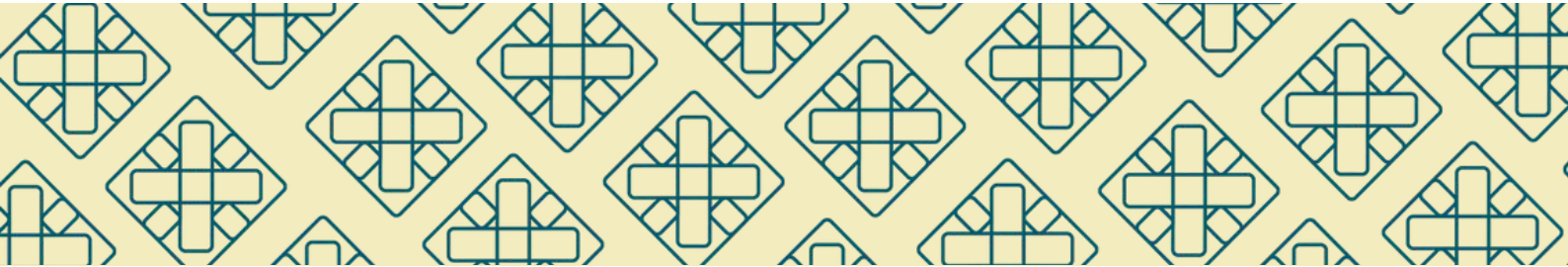
WEDNESDAY MORNING | Acts 1:8

"But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth."



# Extrabiblical Resources

## Next Steps



### ADDITIONAL READING AND LISTENING

While the Bible is our ultimate authority and source of truth, there are a lot of other resources we can utilize in our pursuit of fulfilling the Great Commission. Below is a list of books and podcasts curated and recommended by Tim Sprankle.

01	For a biblical theology of power and how to steward it well	Read <b><i>Playing God</i></b> by Andy Crouch
02	For a summary of Jesus' disciple-making methodology and its implications for us	Read <b><i>Four Chair Discipleship</i></b> by Dan Spader or <b><i>The Master Plan of Evangelism</i></b> by Robert Coleman
03	For thirty affirmations from Scripture about your identity in Christ	Read <b><i>Your Identity in Christ</i></b> by Neil T. Anderson
04	For a philosophical and theological treatment of Jesus' Sermon on the Mount that calls us to develop a "curriculum for Christlikeness"	Read <b><i>The Divine Conspiracy</i></b> by Dallas Willard
05	For a class on enjoying Jesus in the everyday ordinary events of life	Read <b><i>Practicing the Presence of Jesus</i></b> by Brother Lawrence

# Session Questions

## Dig Deeper Prompts

### SESSION ONE

Where do you see authority struggles in our world, your church, and your own heart? What are ways to magnify Jesus' authority?

### SESSION TWO

What is your plan for disciple-making? What are some specific ways to reach the rising generation and least reached nations?

### SESSION THREE

What is the evidence of an "identity crisis" in our age? Which of your roles or responsibilities has become an identity? How can you help people live in their baptismal identity?

### SESSION FOUR

What is missing from your "curriculum for Christlikeness"? Are you more like a content deliverer or life coach in your teaching style?

### SESSION FIVE

When do you enjoy Jesus? How do you enjoy Jesus? How can you create more space to be with Jesus?







# Extras

## Afternoon Options, Late Night Activities, & Local Restaurants

### Afternoon Options

Nine-Hole Scramble Sponsored by Inspire (bring clubs)  
Disc Golf (bring discs)  
Board Games (bring games)  
Pickleball (bring paddles)  
Beach/walking trails

### Late Night Activities

Watch Playoff Baseball  
Board Games  
Card Games  
Indoor Campfire & S'mores

### Local Restaurants

[Water's Edge Restaurant](#)  
[The Oregon Inn](#)  
[El Sol Azteca Mexican Restaurant](#)  
[Tony Packo's Restaurant](#)  
[PizzaPapalis](#)

### Nearby Attractions

[Marblehead Lighthouse](#)  
[Maumee Bay State Park](#)  
[Ottawa National Wildlife Refuge](#)  
[Point Place Lighthouse](#)

