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4. The imperative in verse 19 is to make disciples. It is assumed that we will go to do so. What does it mean to make a disciple?
5. What means does Jesus give us to make these disciples in verses 19 and 20?
6. What is His promise to His people as they obey His directive in verse 20?
7. Do you believe all of this? If so, how have you put it into practice in your life?
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9. What comfort/motivation do you gain from Jesus' clarity on His authority and presence in this passage?
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