



# BANORA POINTER

Sunday 18 September 2022 | Pentecost 15

## THE GREAT COMMISSION

*Matthew 28:16-20*



### Message from Rev. Aaron Moad

#### What is a disciple?

A disciple is completely devoted to a teacher. The relationship goes beyond a student or

an apprentice. They don't simply master a trade or a subject, they learn to emulate their teacher's life. As Christians, we become disciples, striving to live according to the teachings of Jesus.

Part of being a disciple of Jesus is making disciples. Depending on who you ask though, you'll probably get several very different explanations of what making disciples looks like, and how to go about it. So what does the Bible say about discipleship?

Here are Biblical verses about how as followers of Christ we disciples who make disciples:

#### The Great Commission (Matthew 28:19-20)

"Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of 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."

Arguably the most famous Scripture on making disciples, the Great Commission is where Jesus sends his 11 apostles around the known world to spread the gospel. In this passage, Jesus also shares what he means by making disciples: baptizing people and teaching them to obey his commands.

#### 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."

Here Jesus calls the disciples his witnesses, exhorting them to share the things they've seen and heard in his presence.

As we make disciples, we can share not only the accounts of what the disciples saw, but our own accounts of what we've personally experienced as

we've followed Jesus.

#### John 1:45

"Philip found Nathanael and told him, 'We have found the one Moses wrote about in the Law, and about whom the prophets also wrote-Jesus of Nazareth, the son of Joseph.'"

When Philip encountered Jesus and discovered who he was, he immediately wanted to share it with his friend. Our desire to make disciples should stem from obedience, but also love for others. If we believe Jesus is who he says he is, we shouldn't want to keep it to ourselves. We should be telling everybody we meet about the good news.

#### Matthew 4:19-20

"'Come, follow me,' Jesus said, 'and I will send you out to fish for people.' At once they left their nets and followed him."

Many of the original disciples were fishermen. Jesus took something they were intimately familiar with-their profession-and made it new. He used a word picture they could identify with to call them away from their old lives.

When we invite others into discipleship, Jesus can use what they know to accomplish things they never imagined.

#### 2 Timothy 2:2

"'And the things you have heard me say in the presence of many witnesses entrust to reliable people who will also be qualified to teach others.'"

Paul reminds Timothy that he cannot do all the work of ministry on his own. He needs to build up disciples that he can delegate the work of disciple-making to. Appointing others to appropriate roles and delegating work is an important part of making disciples who, in turn, will make disciples.

Go and make disciples

Now that you know what the Bible says about making disciples, are you ready to get started?

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#### Acknowledgement To Country

The Banora Point Uniting Church acknowledge the indigenous traditional owners and custodians of this land, the Goori people and their Elders, past, present and future.

**Our Mission: To love God and love our neighbours**

## What's Happening This Week

<b>Today</b>	<b>Worship Service 9am</b> <b>BPUC Congregation Meeting 10am</b> <b>Chiara Companion 12pm</b>
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>Mainly Music 9am</b>
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>Prayer Meeting 8am</b> <b>Worship Singers 2pm</b>
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>Men's Bible Study group 9am</b> <b>CWCI Bible Study 10am</b> <b>Thursday Night Bible Study 6:30pm</b>
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>Men's Breakfast 8am</b>
<b>Next Sunday</b>	<b>Worship Service 9am</b>

## Upcoming events for your diary

<b>BPUC Congregation Meeting</b>	<b>18 September @ 10am</b>
<b>Chiara Companion</b>	<b>18 September @ 12pm</b>
<b>Men's Breakfast</b>	<b>24 September @ 8am</b>
<b>Pastoral Care Meeting</b>	<b>26 September @ 10am</b>
<b>Messy Church</b>	<b>8 October @ 4pm</b>
<b>Church Council Meeting</b>	<b>10 October @ 7pm</b>
<b>Fellowship Lunch</b>	<b>12 October @ 11:45am</b>
<b>Craft Group</b>	<b>14 October @ 9am</b>
<b>BPUC Fete</b>	<b>5 November @ 8am</b>
<b>Church Elders Meeting</b>	<b>14 November @ 4:30pm</b>

## Church Roster

	<u>Today</u>	<u>Next Sunday</u>
Duty Elders	Audrey & Jill	Neil & Robyn
Organist	Jill	Jill
Greeters	Mary B & Terryll	Joyce & Dapne
Bible Reader	Terryll & Walter	Yesha & Nigel
Children's Message	Neil	Jane
Prayer For Others	Neil	Aaron
Morning Tea	— — — — —	Patricia & Chris
Hall Set Up	— — — — —	Brian & Walter
Cleaning	Craft Group	Lorraine & Lumiere

If you are unable to do your roster, please organise a swap AND let Janice know ASAP.

## Pastoral Care Meeting

**NEXT PASTORAL CARE MEETING** will be held on Monday 26th September 2022, in the hall beginning with a cuppa at 9.30am and meeting beginning at 10am.  
Georgina Stanton.

Acts 1:8 (NIV) 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."

## Offerings

Please continue to direct debit/credit directly into your nearest Commonwealth Bank Branch or Please contact Neil Rackham if you need any assistance.

Bank details are:

Account Name: The Uniting Church in Australia Banora Point Church (Note: Your Bank website may limit the number of characters you can put into the account name box so "The Uniting Church in Aust" is OK)

**BSB No:** 062 611 **Account No:** 10120762

# BPUC Church Fete

SATURDAY 5TH NOVEMBER 2022 - 8.00AM TO 11:30AM  
IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO HELP IN ANYWAY PLEASE SEE TERRYLL



## Men's Breakfast

**Day:** Saturday 24 September 2022

**Time & Venue:**

Meeting for breakfast at 8am at the TWISTED FIG Café (Near Bunnings Tweed Heads South), then onto the church for carpet bowls.

**All men are welcome.**