

In the Dust of the Rabbi – Ran Vander Laan

Lesson #2 When the Rabbi says “Go”.

*“Follow a rabbi, drink in his words, and be covered with the dust of his feet” – Jewish proverb*

1<sup>st</sup> session “Come” ... 2<sup>nd</sup> Session “Go”

Responsive reading

Mark 6:45-52 - Jesus walks on water

Mark 12:13-17 Paying the Imperial Tax to Caesar

Matthew 28:18-20 - Go therefore and make disciples of all nations

When the Rabbi Says “Go” video (21 minutes)

Definitions of the word “go” (1. **move from one place to another; travel** ... like I’m going to go to the post office)(2. **leave; depart** ... like it’s time for you to go)(3. **an attempt or trial at something** ... like I think I’ll give it a go)(4. **a person's turn to use or do something** ... like I had a go on the exercise bike)(5. **functioning properly** ... like all systems are a go)

1. Which “go” definition fits God’s calling to you to further His kingdom and what is your “go” mission from God?
2. Think of what it was like for the disciples to travel to the ancient big cities and what eventually happened to many of them in their embodiment and pursuit to fulfill the great commission. Contrast what it was like for the disciples to share the gospel in their times vs what it is like in our time?
3. In Matthew 14:29 Jesus said “Come”, then Peter got down out of the boat, walked on the water and came toward Jesus. But when he saw the wind, he was afraid and, beginning to sink, cried out, “Lord, save me!” ... Have you had a Peter experience that tested your faith?
4. James 1:17 tells us “17 Every good and perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of the heavenly lights, who does not change like shifting shadows.” What gifts do you think God given you and how are you using them? How could you better employ them?
5. Is there something that you are paying tribute to or you think that our society is paying tribute to that is taking away from paying tribute to God?
6. How can we “go and make disciples”? What are some ways that you are doing this?

## RESPONSIVE READING

### **Mark 6:45-52 - Jesus walks on water**

45 Immediately Jesus made his disciples get into the boat and go on ahead of him to Bethsaida, while he dismissed the crowd. 46 After leaving them, he went up on a mountainside to pray.

**(ALL) 47 Later that night, the boat was in the middle of the lake, and he was alone on land. 48 He saw the disciples straining at the oars, because the wind was against them.**

Shortly before dawn he went out to them, walking on the lake. He was about to pass by them, 49 but when they saw him walking on the lake, they thought he was a ghost. They cried out, 50 because they all saw him and were terrified.

**(ALL) Immediately he spoke to them and said, "Take courage! It is I. Don't be afraid." 51 Then he climbed into the boat with them, and the wind died down. They were completely amazed, 52 for they had not understood about the loaves; their hearts were hardened.**

### **Mark 12:13-17 Paying the Imperial Tax to Caesar**

13 Later they sent some of the Pharisees and Herodians to Jesus to catch him in his words. 14 They came to him and said, "Teacher, we know that you are a man of integrity. You aren't swayed by others, because you pay no attention to who they are; but you teach the way of God in accordance with the truth. Is it right to pay the imperial tax[a] to Caesar or not? 15 Should we pay or shouldn't we?"

**(ALL) But Jesus knew their hypocrisy. "Why are you trying to trap me?" he asked. "Bring me a denarius and let me look at it." 16 They brought the coin, and he asked them, "Whose image is this? And whose inscription?" "Caesar's," they replied. 17 Then Jesus said to them, "Give back to Caesar what is Caesar's and to God what is God's." And they were amazed at him.**

### **(ALL) Matthew 28:18-20 - Go therefore and make disciples of all nations**

**Then Jesus came to them and said, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. 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."**