



### inTro



Read This Week's Passage:  
Colossians 1:9–20

### FULL CIRCLE

In this series of studies, we have looked at the various components of discipleship: the primary instruments of discipleship (people); the end goal of discipleship (Christlikeness); the spiritual power of discipleship (prayer, witnessing, and Bible study); the systematic process of discipleship (preparing, planting, cultivating, harvesting, and preserving); the central role of the church in discipleship; and the vital role of individual self-denial in discipleship.

Now we come back full circle to the Great Commission in Matthew 28:18–20. This time, we note that the word and the concept of all is repeated. It turns out that each of these phrases are ingredients for a healthy church:

1. *Go*. The participle in the Greek is plural where Christ's command can be understood as addressed to all of His disciples throughout all time. A healthy church will go.
2. *All Nations*. Christ opens the gospel to all nations, tribes, tongues, and peoples. A healthy church aims to reach all people.
3. *All Things*. Jesus taught many things. His disciples are commanded to teach not most of them but all of these things. A healthy church needs a strategy and a plan to teach people to observe all the that Jesus taught.
4. *All Authority*. Christ has been given full ability and jurisdiction to accomplish His will. A healthy church taps into Christ's means of fulfilling His command.
5. *Always*. The presence of Christ's Spirit will dwell with us until the end of time, according to the promise. A healthy church needs and understands the timeline in which they are working and serving.



## inScribe

Write out Colossians 1:9–20 from the translation of your choice. If you're pressed for time, write out Col. 1:15–20. You may also re-write the passage in your own words, outline, or mind-map the chapter.



Go back to your scribed text and study the passage.

**Circle** repeated words/phrases/ideas

**Underline** words/phrases that are important and have meaning to you



Draw **Arrows** to connect words/phrases to other associated or related words/phrases

What special insights do your marks seem overall to point to?



Memorize your favorite verse in Colossians 1:9–20. Write it out multiple times to help with memorization.

What initially prevented Philip, Ananias, and Peter in the book of Acts from reaching "all nations"?

How are you reaching all nations? What could prevent us today, from reaching all nations?



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After looking at your scribed and annotated text, what special insights do your marks seem to point to overall?



What questions emerge after studying this passage? What parts are difficult?

What other principles and conclusions do you find?

How do you and/or your church fair in the following assessment questions:

- Do we see people as the primary instruments of discipleship or are we focused on programs?
- Is the goal of discipleship Christlikeness or is it numeric growth?
- Are we communing with God?
- Is the church really training fishers of souls?



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What relationship do the following verses have with the primary passage?

- Colossians 2:6-10; 3:8-11
- Ephesians 4:11-16
- Matthew 22:36-40
- Romans 8:28, 31, 32



What other verses/promises come to mind in connection with Colossians 1:9-20?

Review your memorized verse from Colossians 1:9-20.

A large grid of small dots for writing answers.



Where is Jesus in the  
midst of the prophecies of  
Colossians 1:9–20?



Which phrase/verse do you  
resonate with, where the  
theology retreats and the Lord  
Jesus Christ comes alive in your  
personal life context?

How do you see Jesus differently  
or see Him again?

Prayer: How do you respond to  
seeing Jesus in this way?



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Review the memory verse.  
How does it apply to your  
life this week?



After this week's study of  
the chapter, what personal  
applications are you  
convicted of in your life?

After this quarter's  
study, what are practical  
applications you must make  
in your personal private life?

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Share insights from this week's memory verse and Bible study as well as any discoveries, observations, and questions with your Sabbath School class (or Bible study group). Consider these discussion questions with the rest of the group.



What was the most memorable point in your study of the topic of discipleship? What was the most difficult?

Which of Christ's "all" statements in the Great Commission stand out for you?

Why do some churches prefer to reach "some nations" instead of "all nations"?

How can assessing our discipleship be done more effectively and more frequently?

Which of the five stages of the Grow cycle are weakest in your local church? Strongest? How can this be rectified?

When Scripture is too sublime, how can we make it more accessible?

In your personal life, what have you kept from Him that means you have not given Him "all"? Does God have "all" of you?