

## **PBF CONNECT GROUP STUDY GUIDE**

For the week of Jan. 21-27

Matthew 28:18-20 – The Role of the Church

**Synopsis:** The last words of our Lord in Matthew's Gospel are referred to as the Great Commission. All authority having been given to him, he sends his disciples out to disciple all nations, and he promises them his own presence always.

### **Into the Bible**

1. Why do you think Jesus started the Great Commission with a statement about his own authority?
2. How does Jesus now have "all authority in heaven and on earth"? Where and how did he get it?
3. What is the relationship between his authority (18) and the command to us to go and disciple (19)?
4. "Baptizing" and "teaching" outline or summarize what is meant by "making disciples." Why do you think Jesus focused on those two things?

### **Application**

5. How does this summary inform or change your own views on discipleship?
6. In light of this passage, where do you think churches should focus their energy?
7. In light of this passage, where should you focus your energy?
8. What does this passage teach us about baptism? Have you been baptized? Why, or why not?