

“HORIZONS: Growth pt 1”
Growth Group notes ~ John Way 27/01/19

[NB: All questions are suggestions; the aim is fruitful discussion of Sunday's sermon, rather than mere repetition - ie, learning between us how to put it into practice]

Beacon Vision:

**“A family of Jesus-followers, reaching across Herne Bay and further,
encouraging each other to **grow**,
and **inviting** others to join the adventure.”**

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Matt 28.18-20

1. John Way introduced many great points and quotes that challenge us in how we truly “*make disciples*”. Use the following to stir your conversation, discuss your reactions, and consider what God might be saying to you:
 - “*To what extent are we truly disciples and making disciples in the way that Jesus intended?*” (JW)
 - “*If you love me you will keep my commandments*” (John 14.15) = the motivation should be love, and so this helps us ask how much we love Him...
 - “*For us in the West, the church is largely accepted - which means it's easy for us to opt for a comfortable ride*” (JW)
 - It's possible to build a well-attended and busy church without making disciples: “*If you make disciples, you always get the church. But if you make a church, you rarely get disciples*” (Mike Breen)
 - “*Where do you find your identity? Family, career? Or in Him, through His church?*” (JW)
 - “*It's in His Family that self-centredness is challenged - how we love one another (which the Bible says that's how the world will know we are His disciples). The way we relate to one another will either confirm what we believe or undermine it.*” (JW)
 - “*Jesus trained His disciples in community, not one-to-one counselling sessions.*”(JW)
 - “*Inviting challenge is a way of confronting self-centredness*” (JW)
 - “*Christians in the West have largely neglected what it means to be a disciple of Christ. The vast majority of western Christians are church-members, pew-fillers, hymn-singers, sermon-tasters, Bible-readers, even born-again-believers or Spirit-filled-charismatics – but not true disciples of Jesus*” - David Watson
2. To end: talk about what you can or should be doing next in light of this. Invite accountability to spur one another on.