**SERMON SHEET 8/6/23**

**Education Sunday**

**“The Vital Necessity of Teaching and Receiving God’s Word”**

**Text: Matthew 28:16-20; 1 Thessalonians 2:13**

I. Introductory words to our teachers

II. A reminder to all teachers

III. The requirement for all disciples

III. Conclusion – a final word

**QUOTES**

1. Michael Horton:

*Successful companies and nonprofit service agencies have a mission statement, vision statement, and strategic plan. Surely the church is no different. But what are they? And are they something each church needs to write for itself, or are they already written by its founder and president?*

2. John Stott:

*The fundamental basis of all Christian missionary enterprise is the universal authority of Jesus Christ, “in heaven and on earth.” If the authority of Jesus were circumscribed on earth, if He were but one of many religious teachers, one of many Jewish prophets, one of many divine incarnations, we would have no mandate to present Him to the nations as the Lord and Savior of the world. If the authority of Jesus were limited in heaven, if He had not decisively overthrown the principalities and powers, we might still proclaim Him to the nations, but we would never be able to “turn them from darkness to the light, and from the power of Satan unto God” (Acts 26:18). Only because all authority on earth belongs to Christ dare we go to all nations. And only because all authority in heaven is His have we any hope of success.*

3. Joe Thorn:

*A disciple of Jesus is one who has been redeemed by Him, is being transformed into His image, worships Him, and lives on mission for Him – all while being a part of the community of Jesus, the church*.

**SUPPORTING SCRIPTURE**

* **John 5:21-27; Acts 2:36; Phil. 2:9-11; Rev. 19:11-16**
* **Matt. 26:52-53; Eph. 6:12**
* **John 15:14**
* **Prov. 30:5; John 10:30; John 14:1-6; John 4:24; Gen. 1:27; 1 Cor. 6:9-10**
* **Acts 16:14; John 8:31; 2 Timothy 3:12-17**
* **Deut. 32:47; Matt. 4:4**