



Key References:

Matthew 28:18–20 (ESV) – And Jesus came and said to them, “All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me.¹⁹ Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit,²⁰ teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age.”

Acts 1:8 (ESV) – But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth.”

Acts 13:1–3 (ESV) – Now there were in the church at Antioch prophets and teachers, Barnabas, Simeon who was called Niger, Lucius of Cyrene, Manaen a lifelong friend of Herod the tetrarch, and Saul.² While they were worshipping the Lord and fasting, the Holy Spirit said, “Set apart for me Barnabas and Saul for the work to which I have called them.”³ Then after fasting and praying they laid their hands on them and sent them off.

Romans 10:9 (ESV) – because, if you confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved.

Romans 10:13–15 (ESV) – For “everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.”¹⁴ How then will they call on him in whom they have not believed? And how are they to believe in him of whom they have never heard? And how are they to hear without someone preaching?¹⁵ And how are they to preach unless they are sent? As it is written, “How beautiful are the feet of those who preach the good news!”

Matthew 9:37 (ESV) – Then he said to his disciples, “The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few;

Read Matthew 28:17-20. If carrying out the Great Commission means finding your unique place in the body of Christ where you can contribute to that mission, **after Sunday's message did you have a greater awareness of your unique part to play?**

1 – GO THEREFORE...

“Go” means getting out of your comfort zone, figuring it out as you go, and taking bold risks to be willing to step into the unfamiliar.

- **Have you ever stepped out and told someone about Jesus when it was uncomfortable for you? What were the results? Share your story.**
- **Where do you sense God is sending you? What sort of preparation should you be doing right now to prepare for your kingdom assignment?**
- **Read Romans 10:13-15. What happens if we don't “go”?**

2 – MAKE DISCIPLES OF ALL NATIONS

To “Make disciples” means leading people to Jesus. Everyone might do it slightly different, but every believer must be ready to share their faith.

- **How do you share your testimony? What is your long form “campfire” testimony vs. your short form “elevator” testimony?** Let each believer in the group share how they think they would do each.
- **Is someone a fully formed disciple the moment they meet Jesus?**
- **“Global evangelization is a myth without a strategy for planting local churches.” What does this statement mean?**

3 – BAPTIZING THEM...

To baptize means to be fully IMMERSED. Physically, someone who is baptized is completely submerged under water as a public declaration of their faith. Spiritually, baptism represents that you are completely dead to your old sinful nature, and now you are completely alive to God in Christ.

- **If you have been baptized, share your story of what your baptism meant to you personally. Does anyone need to get baptized in January?!**
- **Why is baptism such a big prominent part of the great commission?**

4 – TEACHING THEM TO OBSERVE...

- **Read Matthew 28:20 again. How is learning and obeying a constant and continuing act of discipleship to Jesus?**
- **How can we effectively follow up with new believers and engage them in the life of the church? How can we make sure that no one gets left behind, or falls through the cracks?**
- **Are you actively discipling yourself under all the commands of Jesus? If “no” how can we proceed to stir up a devotion to Jesus' words?**