

## The Great Commission

Matthew 28:16-20

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God didn't save us and "yank us out", He left us here for a reason, for a purpose. We don't have to wonder what that is but we can know that by His Word, specifically our scripture this morning.

I pray this morning that we will refocus our life and or recommit our life to live a life on mission.

### The Great Commission is given with:

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#### - verse 18

God's authority, the ultimate authority.

He has authority just based on who He is. As believers, we take our marching orders from Him.

God reminds us in scripture:

We were bought with a price; we are not our own (1 Corinthians 6:20).

*For he who is called in the Lord while a slave is the Lord's freedman. Likewise, he who is called while free is Christ's slave.*

**1 Corinthians 7:22**

*I have been crucified with Christ; it is no longer I who live, but Christ lives in me; and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave Himself for me.*

**Galatians 2:20**

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#### - verses 19-20

Go, is not a command but a present participle (going). The only command in the Great Commission is to "make disciples".

So "As you go, make disciples."

Making disciples is a lifestyle.

"Well, what if they never hear? Are they lost if they never even hear?" I have a harder question than that: are we saved if we don't tell? You need to ask about it. Friend, if you can't give your faith away, you ought to give it up. We talk about "keeping the faith." We need to share the faith. If we believe what we believe, we are to make disciples of all nations, and that begins with your next-door neighbor; that begins with your members of your family. It begins in Jerusalem, Judea, Samaria, and the uttermost parts of the earth. It is the marching orders of the Church, we are to make disciples"! ~ **Adrian Rogers**

There've been more people saved, churches planted & expansion of the Kingdom of God in oppressed, impoverished nations than in America. They took to the streets to share the good news. We posted selfies, sipped on lattes & whined about lines at a drive through. Think about it. ~ **Michael Catt**

Witnessing is not something that we do for the Lord; it is something that He does through us, if we are filled with the Holy Spirit. There is a great difference between a 'sales talk' and a Spirit empowered witness. People do not come to Christ at the end of an argument. ~ **Vance Havner**

As you go means as you live your life at home, at work, at the ballfield, at the grocery store, etc.

**It's an \_\_\_\_\_ as you go.**

Communication to the lost (forming relationships, loving on them being able to speak into their life).

Those not here yet.

Prayer walking the area you live.

Getting to know your neighbors.

Be intentional.

Edification of the saved.

Family

Coworkers

Conversations

Taking the Time

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**– end verse 20**

Holy Spirit, He is with us.

*For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this age, against spiritual hosts of wickedness in the heavenly places.<sup>13</sup> Therefore take up the whole armor of God, that you may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand. **Ephesians 6:12-13***

Why don't we make disciples?

- Too \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_\_\_
- Not \_\_\_\_\_
- I'm \_\_\_\_\_
- Other things are more important.

If we are honest, the Great Commission has become the Great Omission.

*Therefore, to him who knows to do good and does not do it, to him it is sin. **James 4:17***

We have heeded the word "nations" as plural while forgetting our own... right here.

It is safe to say that everything we do is to be about Matthew 28 and that as you go, you are an answer to a momma's prayer for her son or daughter.

**Prayer Focus:**

**Am I saved?**

**Do I desire for others to be saved? If so who, specifically? How can God use me?**

**Am I making disciples? How am I being intentional?**

**Do I have a vision for those not here "yet"?**