

"The Great Commission"

Sunday, December 31, 2023 | Text: Matthew 28:16-20

1. The People of the Commission (vs. 16-17).

[16] Now the eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain to which Jesus had directed them. [17] And when they saw him they worshiped him, but some doubted.

*2 Corinthians 4:7; 1 Corinthians 1:20–31

2. The Premise of the Commission (vs. 18)

[18] And Jesus came and said to them, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me.

*Daniel 7:13–14; Revelation 1:5; Ephesians 1:20–23; Philippians 2:9–11; Colossians 1:15–20

"Power in the hands of some people is dangerous, but power in the hands of Christ is blessed. Oh, let him have all power! Let him do what he will with it, for he cannot will anything but that which is right, and just, and true, and good." - C.H. Spurgeon

3. The Precepts of the Commission (vs. 19-20a)

[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.

*Genesis 1:28

4. The Promise to the Commissioned (vs. 20b).

And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age."

If you were to share a key insight from today's sermon with a friend, what would you say in a sentence or two?

Discussion Questions: What is the church's mission? How can the church do good things and yet miss the Great Commission? Why is the allencompassing authority of Christ crucial to obedience to the Great Commission? Is the Great Commission intended only for a select group of Christians? How important is baptism to making disciples? How does baptism show the Word? What is the church to teach? On a day-to-day basis, what does it mean to depend on Jesus as you carry out the Great Commission? What characteristics would you expect to find in a church being faithful to the Great Commission? What might obedience to the Great Commission look like for a stay-at-home mom? How about a homebound church member? What about a student? What about you?

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