

## Matthew 28:16-20 The Great Commission (The King and His Kingdom)

**Intro: FB Story – Man in the dinner.**

**Have you ever wanted to be a part of something bigger than yourself?**

A) Ever heard a story of someone doing something great – that looks awesome - - thought I wish I could do that ?

B) Obstacles: Time / too far / lack of resources / lack of gifting

**C) Listen Jesus invites us to participate in something HUGE - global impact –**

1) Not because He needs us – But because he wants to bless us.

D) Today we get – Great Commission

**Closing study – The Great Commission  
A World-Size Role for Global Christians**

16 Then the eleven disciples went away into Galilee, to the mountain which Jesus had appointed for them.

17 When they saw Him, they worshiped Him; but some doubted.

18 And Jesus came and spoke to them, saying, “All authority has been given to Me in heaven and on earth. 19 Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, 20 teaching them to observe all things that I have commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age.” Amen.

**The first thing we see is the Mountain: The meeting place**

A) Jesus assigned a place for he and his disciples to meet

B) A Mountain in the area of Galilee

C) When Jesus shows up there is a mixed reaction – told -SOME WORSHIPPED

D) **Expected Response:** Still sinking in Jesus has risen from the dead – BEAT DEATH

1) That means that He is who he claimed to be – King of kings and Lord of lords

**E) Ever meet a Skeptic – Ask them: What do you do with the Resurrection? Empty Tomb?**

1) What is your Answer to that – Can't ignore

**Now on this occasion I think this group is more that the Eleven Disciples –**

A) He had already met with the eleven disciples in Jerusalem.

B) Matthew did not record that meeting, but John recorded some of the events.

1) In John 20, Christ had appeared to the disciples but Thomas was not present,

C) and afterwards Thomas said **he wouldn't believe unless he touched Christ Himself.**

**Cc) Then several days later Thomas was present when Christ appeared, and Thomas worshiped Him.**

D) 1 Corinthians 15:6 – He appeared to over 500 at one time – Some believe that was this event here

1) Mark's gospel includes this event Matt 28 with the ascension – after the instruction – He ascended

**We also Know that a little later on Jesus sends the Disciples to Jerusalem to wait for the Holy Spirit to come upon them**

A) There were 120 gathered together in the upper room.

B) So on this occasion I think there were the 11 disciples and others who were also disciples

1) Which is why it says **that some doubted**

C) Some of the people here were seeing him for the first time!

1) The Greek verb used here for doubting implies hesitation or indecision, rather than unbelief.

**D) In other words they didn't know how to respond – run up and hug him or bow in worship**

1) They were trying to comprehend what they were seeing!

E) **Not every day you see someone RISEN from the dead!**

**So we have the Mountain – and then we also have the Mandate**

**A)I want you to note that Jesus gives THIS GREAT COMMISSION TO DOUBTERS**

**B)Hopefully that encourages you: Maybe they doubted God can use them? (it doesn't say)**

1)Maybe you've doubt that God can use you?

**C)Jesus invites us all every one of us to be involved in something bigger than ourselves – HIS MISSION**

**D)Doubters – those who struggle with sin - Not looking for perfect people – but available people**

1)He calls us not because He needs us but because He wants us to experience the  **blessing of being used by God**

**E)He choses to use Broken people like us to reach out to the broken people around us.**

**In His Mandate He points to 3 Things: His Authority – His Assignment – His Assurance.**

**A)JESUS' AUTHORITY – V.18** “All authority has been given to Me in heaven and on earth.

**B)Now some of you might have a translation of the Bible which says, “all power”.**

1)Now that's not a bad translation, but power is not as strong as that word needs to be in English.

**C)This is the Greek word exousia. It means delegated authority.**

1)It means the right to do something. It's not just the ability to do something, it's the right to do something.

**Matthew has emphasized this theme throughout his whole Gospel.**

**A)Jesus has repeatedly demonstrated His authority over all things:**

**B)Over the human body (disease, sickness, & healings).**

- Over demons & Satan.
- Over the natural elements (such as wind and water).
- Over the Sabbath.- Heal on the Sabbath

**C)He showed His authority in His teachings.**

1)In His forgiveness of sin.

**D)And in His Resurrection He shows His authority even over death itself.**

**1)That seals the Deal – the Defining Mark – Resurrection**

**HIS ASSIGNMENT**

Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, 20 teaching them to observe all things that I have commanded you;

**A)This is what we call the Great commission - Not the great Consideration, the Great Contemplation.**

**B)NOT - If you have time in your busy schedule and you can get around to this! –**

1)These are our marching orders as believers – **MAKE DISCIPLES**

**C)Our commission is not simply to win souls, it is to make disciples**

**D)Starts with Soul winning -**

**1)Baptizing speaks of conversion – Salvation –**

➤ **Baptism is the outward expression of the inward work- God's spirit**

**D)Teaching speaks of instruction – training.**

**E)A disciple is a learner – One who follows another to be like His Master**

**The GOAL is to Make Disciples:**

**A)Our Church takes this seriously – why we give so much attention to studying the scriptures**

**B) Helping people grow in their relationship with God**

**Grounded – established –**

**1)not tossed by Trials/ Various winds**

**C)Goal – Present you complete in Christ!**

**C)Greg Laurie – All disciples are believers but not all believers are disciples**

**A lot of believers want Jesus on their own terms – they still tend to compartmentalize their lives –**

**A)I did that for a while in my walk – I Trusted Jesus for my salvation –**

B)But I was still calling the shots in many areas of my life

1)I had this plan for my life – Career – the type of person I would marry

C)One day a friend said to me DO YOU KNOW YOUR PROBLEM:

1)Jesus is just a part of your life – He needs to be the center

D)It was true: I needed to become a Disciple

Maybe if HONEST - that is your story: You are a believer – you love Jesus – but not a disciple

A)You are still calling the shots - You need to become a Disciple –

B)That is how you discover – God’s grand plan for your life

1)How you EXPERIENCE the Abundant life that Jesus has for you.

C)If you are ready to take a step today in becoming a Disciple of Jesus – opportunity

1)We have some awesome people in our church that would love to help you grow – Study the IDENTITY Series

The Assignment: Make Disciples –Note the Local? – Go into all the world

A)Now this is one of the reason we as a church are so passionate about Church planting and Missions

B)We take seriously the commission to go!

1)Planted 31 churches to date – Partner with Church planters around the world

C)Take short term – trips – come alongside churches in other countries

D)WE believe this – Motto - You have been blessed to be a blessing –

1)We can come alongside and help those trying to make Disciples in these countries

God might be calling some of you- step out of your comfort zone and go to a another country

A)Another state: Lafa and Kali – PA – go to a place – not a church every few miles

B)A place where People need to hear the word of God – the hope that is in Christ

1)You need to RESPOND – THAT CALL -

D)MY CALLING – BASEBALL –

1)DAD Said – NOT happy until you are doing what God has called you to do – true

But not everyone is called to go overseas – another country or even another state!

A)But get this: Your neighborhood is part of the world

B)Your place of work is part of the World

1)The School that you go to is part of the world

C)We all have a sphere of influence – This our mandate:

1)To cross a cultural barriers, to the un-churched, to present the gospel & make disciples & express the genuine love of Christ.

D) God has a world-sized role for every Christian in His global purpose.

Why we are going to elementary schools every week bringing food.

A)How is that making Disciples – First step

B)Thank you Letter this week – Principal – Monte Vista Elementary

1)Helped 25 families have a thanksgiving

C)Several cards - read two –

1)They know – came from the church

D)Never know the impact

1)Billionaire - Paul Tudor Jones – founder of the Tudor Investment Corporation.

His corporation has consistently defied financial gravity by earning positive returns for twenty-eight consecutive years.

In 1986 Jones adopted a sixth-grade class at an underperforming public school in New York City. He gave this guarantee. He would give a college scholarship for every high school graduate,

Sad to say that only one-third of those kids got their high school diplomas.

But that failure merely fueled his passion to fight poverty.

A) Instead of giving up the fight, Jones started the Robin Hood Foundation.

B) Since its inception in 1988, Robin Hood has channeled \$1.45 billion to this cause Jones cares so deeply about.

C) Fortune magazine has called the Robin Hood Foundation "one of the most innovative and influential philanthropic organizations of our time."

D) Great you say – He is a billionaire – and I am not – doesn't apply to me

### **This is the reason I share this story:**

A) The driving engine of his life is one act of kindness.

B) When he was a child 4yrs old, Jones was at an outdoor vegetable market with his mother one day and got lost.

1) Ever been Lost at a Kid? – Several times!!

**C) Jones recalls how one small act of kindness changed his life:**

D) When you're four years old, your mother is everything.

1) And this extraordinarily kind, very old, very tall black man came over and said, "Don't worry.

- **We're going to find your momma. Don't cry, we're going to find her. You're going to be happy in a minute."**

### **E) You never forget stuff like that.**

1) God's every action, those little actions become so much bigger, they have a multiplying effect.

F) We forget how important the smallest action can be. For me, I think, it kind of spawned a lifetime of trying to always repay that kindness

### **You never know – the impact little acts of Kindness are going to have- Giving food -**

A) Maybe some of those kids – will end up in Church  
Saved – impact their world

B) Why we have a group going to Beaumont Elem.  
1) Once a week after school – where 7 kids have accepted Christ –

### **C) They come enthusiastically every week – to learn about Jesus – THAT IS DISCIPLESHIP**

1) They have never been to CV we brought it to them

### **D) We would love to be doing that in more schools**

1) What we need is more people who are willing to GO!

E) CAN'T GO OVERSEAS – ok – can you go to an elementary school – once a week?

1) Twice a month!!

### **WOULDN'T IT BE AMAZING – WE had a good news club in Every ELM School in Vista ?**

A) 100's of kids being disciplined ?

B) You say – I don't have the skills to do that

1) My answer – Are you a warm body? You breathing – can you play a game with a kid

C) That easy – sign up sheet at Front counter

### **But I was also say this: Look at the last part of Jesus mandate – Covered -His Authority – His Assignment**

A) Last - His ASSURANCE- lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age." Amen.

B) We are able, only because He enables.

1) He is looking for people who are willing – He will do the Rest

C) Never be a Pastor – Shy introvert

1) Jesus doesn't call the qualified – He qualifies the called –

D) Who is called?- All of us – Make Disciples!!

### **Jesus says – I am with you ALWAYS**

A) ARE YOU WILLING ?

B) Before you can MAKE DISCIPLES – you need to be a disciple – TODAY

1) JUST A MOMENT

C) I want to close today – by sharing something that happened to me this week

1) I rarely share things like this

### **DON'T LIVE OFF OF EXPERIENCES**

A) Walk by faith not by sight – feelings

B)But every now and then – God meets me in a special way:

1)Last Monday was one of those RARE moments

**Study in the Morning – Late afternoon PRAYER WALK- beach in CLSB**

A) Looking at the waves crashing into the rocks- the Lord - the Lord reminded me of the scripture in Psalm 29:3 **HIS VOICE THUNDERS ON THE WATER**

B)What are you saying to me: **I love you!!!!**

1)His Presence - Overwhelmed me – **I am Balling – I couldn't stop crying**

C)Waves are rolling in – **My love for you is just like that Rob – keeps coming every day – ALL DAY**

1)It was overwhelming – **Crying more.**

**That was heavy for me to hear - because that very day I was wrestling with thoughts of –**

A)Am I doing enough! Am I doing what I am supposed to be doing

B)Then the sea got really choppy - there was this seal or sea lion wrestling with the waves

C)The Lord spoke to me and said - I know sometimes this is what it feels like –

1)but I am in control - I have authority over everything

D)You need to know – even in the storms – I love you and I am with you – I am for YOU!!

**Then It got calm all of a sudden – still**

A)Then the sets started rolling in - The Lord spoke to my heart very clearly that in 2018 he was going to pour out his spirit on Calvary Vista

B)This is what it is going to feel like when I pour out my spirit.

1)It is going to be like Wave after wave of His spirit impacting this Church family

C)Don't know what that means – But I am believing it

**D)Part of this body –His plan for you – but starts with being His disciple -**

Opening – Story Kindness in action

**This guy goes into a Denny's and asks to sit in a section where the waitress is a single mom. –**

The Hostess thought that was odd but the guy didn't look creepy- so she placed him in Crystal's section.

**Crystal has a son and she is a single mother.**

The guy stayed two hours. While he was there several families were also seated in that section. –

When he got up to leave – his bill total was \$21.34 – but he proceeded to also pay for the meals of all SEVEN families –

**the Bill was over \$1,000 dollars and then he left Crystal a \$1500.00 tip.**

When the hostess was ringing him up – she asked him why he was doing it – he responded – **'Family is everything, I've lost all mine.'**- The hostess noted – there was a lot of pain in his eyes when he said that.

**What this man didn't know was that Crystal and her son – were living in a shelter**

and the night before she had prayed for a miracle – so her and her son could get out of the Shelter-

God heard her prayer – That \$1500 tip was enough to cover the first and last – to get into their own apartment