

BWMI Outreach & Evangelism Sunday
Growthnotes & Congregation Summary Handout

Scriptures:

Matthew 22:34–40; Matthew 28:18–20

Sermon:

“Love God, Love People, and Make Disciples”

Matthew 22: NLT: The Most Important Commandment

³⁴ But when the Pharisees heard that he had silenced the Sadducees with his reply, they met together to question him again. ³⁵ One of them, an expert in religious law, tried to trap him with this question: ³⁶ “Teacher, which is the most important commandment in the law of Moses?”

³⁷ Jesus replied, “‘You must love the Lord your God with all your heart, all your soul, and all your mind.’^[e] ³⁸ This is the first and greatest commandment. ³⁹ A second is equally important: ‘Love your neighbor as

yourself.’^[f] ⁴⁰ The entire law and all the demands of the prophets are based on these two commandments.”

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Matthew 28: NLT: ¹⁸ Jesus came and told his disciples, “I have been given all authority in heaven and on earth. ¹⁹ Therefore, go and make disciples of all the nations,^[b] baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit. ²⁰ Teach these new disciples to obey all the commands I have given you. And be sure of this: I am with you always, even to the end of the age.”

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Message: ¹⁸⁻²⁰ Jesus, undeterred, went right ahead and gave his charge: “God authorized and commanded me to commission you: Go out and train everyone you meet, far and near, in this way of life, marking them by baptism in the threefold name: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Then instruct them in the practice of all I have commanded you. I’ll be with you as you do this, day after day after day, right up to the end of the age.”

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Mission	Meaning	Today's Response
Love God	Wholehearted worship, surrender, and obedience.	Go out as a witness who represents the God we love.
Love People	Compassion, welcome, service, prayer, and truth spoken with grace.	See every person as someone God has called us to love.
Make Disciples	Helping people know Jesus, follow Him, grow in faith, and obey His Word.	Move from invitation to relationship, follow-up, and spiritual care.

Big Idea

Our congregation exists to glorify God by loving Him wholeheartedly, loving people compassionately, and making disciples faithfully. This mission is not only a church statement; it is the calling of every believer and the foundation for our outreach and evangelism.

Four Sermon Truths to Remember

1. We must love God with all that we are. Our worship, obedience, service, and outreach must flow from hearts devoted to the Lord.

2. We must love people as Christ commands. Love becomes visible when we welcome, serve, pray, forgive, encourage, and share the hope of Jesus.

3. We must make disciples, not merely attend church. Evangelism opens the door, and discipleship helps people follow Jesus, grow in faith, and obey His Word.

4. We must understand why this mission is critically important. This mission keeps us centered on Christ, aligned with Scripture, and engaged in work that matters for eternity.

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Key Outreach Action Steps

- **Pray before you go:** Ask God for compassion, courage, wisdom, and divine appointments.
- **Go with humility and love:** Listen well, serve sincerely, and treat every person with dignity.
- **Start simple conversations:** Introduce yourself, ask how you can pray, and look for open doors to share hope.
- **Invite people personally:** Offer a warm invitation to worship, Bible study, prayer, or a church connection point.
- **Share the gospel clearly and graciously:** Point people to Jesus, His love, His cross, His resurrection, and the call to follow Him.
- **Follow up faithfully:** Record names or needs when appropriate, pray again, and help interested people take a next step.

Personal Reflection Questions

- Do I love God with my whole heart, or only with the leftover parts of my life?
- Who is God calling me to love more intentionally in Jesus' name?
- Who am I helping take a step closer to Christ?
- How can I participate faithfully in today's outreach and evangelism emphasis?

Personal Evangelism Checklist

- ☐ I have prayed for God to give me compassion, courage, and wisdom.
- ☐ I have asked God to lead me to at least one person to encourage today.
- ☐ I will speak to someone I do not already know well.
- ☐ I will listen before I speak and serve before I ask.
- ☐ I will offer to pray with or for someone.
- ☐ I will share a simple word of hope about Jesus when God opens the door.
- ☐ I will invite someone to worship, Bible study, prayer, or another next step.

- ☐ I will write down a name, prayer need, or follow-up opportunity if appropriate.
- ☐ I will follow up with someone I meet or serve today.
- ☐ I will trust God with the results and remain faithful to the mission.

<i>Today's Outreach Commitment</i>
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My Commitment: Before I go out to serve today, I recommit myself to the mission of Jesus Christ. I will love God deeply, love people sincerely, and make disciples faithfully. I will go prayerfully, humbly, and expectantly, trusting that God can use my words, my service, my invitation, and my witness for His glory.