

The Great Commission | Matthew 28:16-20

Outposts Sunday School Class, CMC, Summer '25

Four Aspects of Christ's Great Commission that Help Us Understand the Mandate for the Church

#1 The _____ of the Great Commission (28:16-17)

#2 The _____ of the Great Commission (28:18)

#3 The _____ of the Great Commission (28:19-20a)

#4 The _____ of the Great Commission (28:20b)

David Doran, *For the Sake of the Name*, p. 94:

“...Revelation 5:9 uses ‘every tribe and tongue and people and nation’ to stress the global scope of Christ’s redemption, not to establish people group categories. While commentators disagree among themselves about the exact significance of each term, they seem to agree that the point of their use is to demonstrate that ‘Jesus’ death secured a salvation universally applied to all classes and peoples of the earth.’

As [Leon] Morris notes, ‘The universal scope of redemption receives mention with the piling up of expressions to show that the redeemed come not from any restricted group but from all over the world.’

[David] Aune puts it most succinctly, ‘These lists are meant to emphasize universality.’

So, rather than establishing missiological units that must be reached in order to fulfill the Great Commission, this text simply demonstrates that Jesus Christ will be worshipped by all peoples.

In spite of all the efforts to study and articulate the definition of a people group, no consistent and biblically justifiable definition has been achieved. We should then be very cautious about building our whole approach to missions on this foundation. There is value in opening our eyes to see that ‘nations’ means more than countries, but the current emphasis seems to go well past what is appropriate and advisable.”¹

¹ David Doran, *For the Sake of the Name*, p. 94.