

Sermon Notes

Big Idea: Jesus' final message to His disciples was clear and succinct. There was no question as to what they needed to do, how they needed to do it, and that it was to become the focal point of their ministry efforts from that day forward. They were commissioned, and the commission was great. Over 2,000 years later, followers of Jesus must ask themselves if they are still committed to that same commission. Is it still possible? Is it still doable? Is it still great?

Matthew 28:18-20 (ESV)

How Great is the Great Commission in Your Life?

Great Commission Questions:

WHO?: Disciples of Jesus, under His Authority.

WHAT?: Make Disciples.

WHERE?: All Nations.

WHEN?: Now, until all have heard.

HOW?: Reaching and teaching.

WHY?: This is God's Plan to Change the World.

Healthy disciples reproduce disciples.

Five Misconceptions of the Great Commission:

- It's just for missionaries.
- It's the Pastor's job.
- America is already reached.
- I don't have the gift of _____.
- I'm just a regular Christian, not a disciple who makes disciples.

Your Vision for the Great Commission:

- I was chosen to be a disciple of Jesus. Acts 4:13 (ESV)

Disciple: Student / Follower / Apprentice

- As a disciple, I know my teacher's voice. John 10:27 (ESV)
- As I follow Jesus, I actively look for ways to encourage others to follow Him.

Discipleship = Relationship + Intentionality

- I will become a disciple who can say, "Follow me as I follow Jesus."



Discussion Questions

- 1) What impacted you the most from this week's message? Encouraged you? Challenged you?
- 2) Read Matthew 28:18-20. Before today's sermon, what was your understanding of the Great Commission and how it applied to your life? How has that now changed?
- 3) Which of the *Five Misconceptions of the Great Commission* do you most resonate with? Explain.
- 4) Read Acts 4:13. Have you always considered yourself a disciple of Jesus? Explain.
- 5) Read John 10:27. Do you know the voice and leading of your teacher Jesus? How have you come to discern his prompting in your life?
- 6) When's the last time you intentionally looked to encourage another person to follow Jesus?
- 7) What needs to happen for you to become a disciple who can say, *follow me as I follow Jesus*?