

Our Great Commission

Matthew 28:16-20

The Call of Every Generation

Introduction: Did you notice the title of this message?

What is called the Great Commission has become the Great _____ in our contemporary world. Research shows:

Barna Group and Lifeway/Pew Research/Millennials and Gen Z

What do we learn about Our Great Commission from these final verses in Matthew 28? We learn...

I. They _____ for Jesus – in Galilee – 28:16

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

A. There were _____ disciples

The Great Commission is going to be shared with _____ disciples.

B. _____

Why did Jesus send His disciples to Galilee? Because it was away from all the _____ that had happened in Jerusalem.

C. A _____

Jesus had a meeting up _____ for His disciples.

D. _____

Underline the word, “_____”. They were to go to an appointed place. Get this:

- They were to go to a mountain _____ for them.
- They had an _____ on this mountain with Jesus.
- They would receive their _____ on this mountain.

II. They _____ Jesus - some doubted – 28:17

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

A. When they _____ Him

These words are important when it comes to the _____.

B. They _____ Him

The word Worship means, “to _____ down, to prostrate oneself, to show _____ or _____.” The eleven disciples were expressing reverence, awe, devotion, and submission to Jesus.

C. Some _____

III. They _____ Jesus – in Power – 28:18-20

Jesus met with the disciples for a specific _____. He was going to share with them His plan for carrying out and continuing His message on earth.

A. We Move in His _____ – 28:18

18 And Jesus came and spoke to them, saying, “All authority has been given to Me in heaven and on earth.

The Message translates this - *“Jesus, undeterred, went right ahead and gave His charge:”*

Get this: What you _____ of Jesus doesn't matter – your thoughts don't change _____ He is.

The word *“authority”* can also be translated, *“_____”*. When Jesus spoke, He spoke with the authority and power of Almighty God. His authority was over the realm of heaven and earth.

B. We Follow His _____ – 28:19

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,

- _____ – **Go therefore**

19 _____ and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit,

The word *“therefore”* means to look _____ at what was just said. Jesus Christ was doing the talking, and He spoke about how *“all authority”* had been given to Him, and now He sends out His disciples with the same authority (the same power).

- _____ - **Make disciples**

19 Go therefore and _____ _____ of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit,

What does it mean to _____ disciples?

What is a disciple? The word simply means, _____, or pupil. It is a person who desires to become like the one they _____.

Here are the three steps in making disciples:

1. **Lead them to Jesus Christ – _____.**

2. **Identify them to Jesus Christ** – _____.

3. **Mature them in Jesus Christ** – _____/transformation.

• _____ – **all the nations**

19 Go therefore and make disciples of all the _____, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit,

The Greek word “*nations*” used here is “eth’-nos” and it means: _____ (heathens), nation, or _____.

Our present world...

C. We Teach His _____ – 28:20a

20a teaching them to observe all things that I have commanded you;

The Church is called to _____ **Disciples**. We are to teach new converts to observe (to do, live out) all that Jesus Christ taught His disciples.

D. We Believe His _____ – 28:20b

20b and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age.” Amen.

Jesus was telling His disciples that they would not be carrying out the Great Commission alone. He would always be with them.

Conclusion: Now, how do we as the disciples of Jesus carry out _____ **Great Commission** today? I want to share four ways:

1. **Obey the _____ – Our Great Commission – 28:16**

2. **Worship, even in _____ – 28:17**

3. **Go in His _____ – 28:18**

4. **We are to _____ Disciples – 28:19-20**

And what is the Great Commission _____ ? Jesus said,

“and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age.”