

The Great Commission – Go Into All The World

Key Points:

- The Great Commission belongs to every believer, not just pastors or theologians, and can be fulfilled in everyday settings such as workplaces, grocery stores, and waiting rooms.
- Fear is a common barrier to evangelism, but it can be overcome because the Spirit of God who lives within believers is greater than any opposition.
- There is no greater fulfillment available in this life than leading someone to the Lord or sharing one's testimony, even when the outcome is uncertain.
- Seeds sown through outreach are never wasted, even when someone does not immediately accept the gospel, because God can work through those moments over time.
- Local outreach carries the reach of international missions because communities today include people from nations around the world.
- The word "preach" in the Great Commission simply means to proclaim, and does not require formal training or theological expertise.
- The church body doing the work of evangelism, rather than only the pastor, reflects the true purpose and health of the local church.

The Great Commission - 5-Day Bible Reading Plan and Devotional Guide

Themes: Boldness in the Gospel, Salvation, Divine Presence, Faith Over Fear, and the Great Commission

Day 1: The Call to Go

Reading: Mark 16:14-18

Devotional: Jesus did not offer a suggestion when he commanded his followers to go into all the world and proclaim the gospel. He issued a commission, and he issued it to every believer. The testimonies of ordinary people leading atheists, skeptics, and the broken to saving faith

remind us that the call belongs to all of us. You do not need a pulpit or a theology degree. You need a willing heart and the Holy Spirit who already lives inside you. **Today, ask the Lord to open your eyes to the mission field directly in front of you. Wherever there is a person, there is a purpose.**

Reflection: Who in your daily life has the Lord placed within your reach that you have not yet approached with the love of God?

Practical Application: Identify one person in your workplace, neighborhood, or daily routine and commit to praying specifically for an opportunity to share your faith with them this week.

Day 2: Greater Is He Within You

Reading: 1 John 4:4, Romans 8:31

Devotional: Fear is one of the greatest barriers between a believer and the Great Commission. It whispers that you are not qualified, not bold enough, not knowledgeable enough. But the Word of God declares that the One who lives inside you is greater than any force working against you. The testimonies shared from the outreach were not stories of polished evangelists. They were stories of ordinary men and women who stepped out of comfort and allowed the Holy Spirit to move through their willingness. The power was never theirs to begin with. It was always his. Your job is simply to show up.

Reflection: In what areas of your faith walk has fear prevented you from stepping forward into what God has called you to do?

Practical Application: Write down one specific fear that has held you back from sharing your faith. Pray over it daily this week, declaring that greater is he who is in you than he who is in the world.

Day 3: Divine Presence in Suffering

Reading: Psalm 139:1-18

Devotional: A young girl sat in the grass, pulling her hair, scratching her arms, and convinced that no one saw her or cared. But God saw her. He stopped a man in his tracks, sent him back with a partner, and for twenty minutes they prayed over a child who would not even lift her eyes. Two hours later, she walked into a tent, looked up, smiled, and received salvation. **Psalm**

139 declares that God knows every moment of our lives and that there is no place we can go where his presence does not reach. No darkness is too deep. No wound is too old. He was there then, and he is here now.

Reflection: Are there moments in your own past where you questioned whether God was present in your pain? How does **Psalms 139** speak to those moments?

Practical Application: Spend time today sitting quietly before the Lord and ask him to reveal himself to you in a specific moment of past suffering. Write down what he shows you.

Day 4: The Decision That Cannot Be Postponed

Reading: 2 Corinthians 6:2, Hebrews 3:15

Devotional: When a young woman at the outreach said she needed more time to decide whether to receive Christ, she was gently reminded that choosing not to decide is itself a decision. The Word of God affirms that now is the acceptable time and that today is the day of salvation. This urgency is not meant to produce anxiety but to awaken us to the weight and the wonder of the gospel. Salvation is the most significant turning point a human soul will ever experience. It deserves a response, not a delay. The same Holy Spirit who pressed on that young woman's heart is pressing on hearts still.

Reflection: Have you grown comfortable with spiritual complacency in any area of your walk with God, telling yourself you will address it later?

Practical Application: Identify one area of spiritual growth or obedience you have been postponing. Take one concrete step toward it today, no matter how small.

Day 5: Freely Given, Freely Share

Reading: Matthew 10:8, Acts 1:8

Devotional: One of the most powerful statements from the outreach testimonies was this: we have the opportunity to give back to our Father because he has freely given us everything. Salvation, peace, freedom, identity, eternal life -- none of it was earned, and all of it was given. That reality should produce in us a generosity of spirit that compels us to pour out what we have received. Whether it is at a fairground tent, a doctor's waiting room, a grocery store aisle,

or a workplace break room, the Holy Spirit in you is always ready. The harvest is vast. The question is whether we are willing to be sent.

Reflection: What has God freely given you that you have been hesitant to share with others, whether that is your testimony, your resources, or your time?

Practical Application: This week, look for one opportunity each day to give something freely to another person, whether it is a word of encouragement, material generosity, a prayer offered boldly, or the sharing of your personal testimony with someone who needs to hear it.

The Great Commission - Scripture References from the Sermon

Explicitly Mentioned:

Ephesians 3:20 - God does exceedingly abundantly above all that we can ask or think (referenced by the opening speaker when setting a goal of 700 salvations).

Psalms 139 – This verse was referenced concerning a hurting young woman, affirming that God knows and is present with a person in every moment and place.

Mark 16:14-15 - The Great Commission passage, where Jesus rebukes the eleven for unbelief and hardness of heart, then commands them to go into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature.

1 John 4:4 - Alluded to when Pastor Sean says, "greater is he that is in you than he that is in the world," encouraging believers to overcome fear in sharing their faith.

Themes Addressed Without Specific Citation — Suggested Verses:

Hebrews 13:5 — God's promise never to leave or forsake his people (referenced thematically when Hannah told the hurting young woman Jesus never abandoned her in dark moments).

Psalms 139:14 — Being fearfully and wonderfully made (Gary directly alludes to this when speaking over Kyla).

Acts 1:8 — Receiving power from the Holy Spirit to be witnesses.

Romans 10:14-15 — The necessity of someone proclaiming the gospel for people to believe.

Luke 15:10 — Joy in heaven over one sinner who repents.

The Great Commission - Personal and Small Group Guide

Based on: The Great Commission in Action

Overview

This week's service featured testimonies from members who participated in outreach at the Montana Fair, where 888 people made a decision to receive Christ. Their stories illustrate what it looks like when ordinary believers step out in boldness to share their faith in everyday settings. This guide is designed to help your group reflect on those testimonies, engage with the call of the Great Commission, and take practical steps toward sharing their own faith.

Key Takeaways

- The Great Commission found in **Mark 16:15** is a command, not a suggestion. Every believer is called to proclaim the gospel, not just pastors or theologians.
- Fear is one of the most common barriers to sharing faith, but it can be overcome because greater is he who lives in us than he who is in the world, as stated in **1 John 4:4**.
- Sharing the gospel does not require deep theological training. It requires a willing heart and a simple message: God loves you, Jesus paid for your sin, and you can receive new life through faith in him.
- The word "preach" in **Mark 16:15** simply means to proclaim. That proclamation can happen in a tent at a fair, in a grocery store, at a workplace, or in a waiting room.
- A "no" is not a failure. Seeds are sown even when someone does not immediately respond. Salvation can come later, and every seed matters.
- The mission field is all around us. Because of how connected the world has become, you can reach people from other nations without ever leaving your own neighborhood or city.

Discussion Questions

Opening

1. Before this week's service, how would you have defined the word "preach"? Did anything in the testimonies or the pastor's closing thoughts change or expand that definition for you?
 2. When you hear stories of people sharing their faith at an outreach event like the Montana Fair, what is your first response? Inspiration? Nervousness? A mix of both? Why do you think that is?
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Going Deeper

3. Ryan shared that an atheist, after working through six simple questions, decided he wanted to receive salvation. What does that moment tell us about the role of the Holy Spirit in evangelism? How does that take pressure off the person sharing?
4. Gary described stepping into a dark and uncomfortable situation with a 12-year-old girl who was hurting herself, and choosing to stay present and pray rather than walk by. He said, "If I just take a step and do my job, then God can move and do miraculous things." What does it look like in your own life to "do your job" and trust God with the results?
5. Hannah shared that one of the women she spoke with said, "This is a big decision," and Hannah responded by saying it is also a big decision not to make. Read **Mark 16:14-16**. What does the urgency of the Great Commission tell us about how seriously we should take the moments God places in front of us?
6. The pastor mentioned that fear is one of the primary reasons people do not share their faith. In what specific areas of your life does fear most often keep you from speaking about your relationship with God? What would it look like to bring that fear to God directly?
7. Concerning sharing your faith, Gary said, "There is no natural experience like it." It is the best experience on the face of this planet to be able to be there for somebody and give them life as you have been freely given." Have you ever experienced that kind of joy

through serving or sharing your faith? If so, describe it. If not, what do you think has kept you from it?

8. The pastor made the point that you can "go down your street and go into all the world." Who in your immediate, everyday world might God be placing in front of you right now as a mission field?
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Reflection

9. The pastor said he got born again not because of deep theology, but because someone told him God loved him and that he could receive new life through Jesus. How does that simplify the way you think about sharing your faith with someone who knows very little about Christianity?
10. Hannah described a veteran who had a hard shell and was skeptical that the outreach team was just trying to gain church members. She said she had to work for that conversation by sticking with it and sharing her own testimony. How important is personal testimony in evangelism? Is there a part of your story you feel equipped to share with someone who is skeptical?
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Practical Applications

- Identify one person in your life this week, whether at work, in your neighborhood, or in your family, who you sense may be open to a conversation about faith. Pray for them by name each day this week and ask God to open a door.
- Practice saying out loud, in your own words and in two to three sentences, what the gospel means to you personally.
- If you have never participated in any form of outreach, ask your small group leader or church staff about upcoming opportunities. Start somewhere, even if it feels small.
- If fear is your primary barrier, spend time this week meditating on **1 John 4:4**, which reminds us that the Spirit living inside us is greater than anything we face in the world. Write it somewhere you will see it daily.

- Consider downloading the church app if you have not already, and explore the new believers resources available there. Even as a mature believer, reviewing the foundations of the faith can sharpen how you explain them to others.
 - Commit to praying specifically for the 888 people who heard the gospel at Montana Fair. Ask God to continue the work he began in each of them and to connect them to a community of faith.
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Closing Prayer Focus

Close your group time by praying together for the following:

- Boldness to step out of comfort zone and into the mission field of everyday life.
 - The people in each group member's world who have not yet heard or received the gospel.
 - Those who made decisions at the Montana Fair, that the seed planted would take deep root.
 - A heart that genuinely believes, as the pastor said, that there is nothing more fulfilling than giving away what God has freely given us.
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Mark 16:15 -- Jesus commanded his followers to go into all the world and proclaim the gospel to every person, making clear that this mission belongs to every believer, not just those in formal ministry.