



Part 1: Preflight
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A Sobering Question:

Do I take Jesus seriously?

Matthew 28:16-20

¹⁶ Then the eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain where Jesus had told them to go. ¹⁷ When they saw him, they worshiped him; but some doubted. ¹⁸ Then Jesus came to them and said, “All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. ¹⁹ Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, ²⁰ and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely, I am with you always, to the very end of the age.”

After everything the disciples had seen, why would there be any doubt?

We all struggle with doubt because God asks us to trust him with the details.

And often, the lack of details is the seedbed of real faith.

Acts 1:7-8

⁷ He said to them: “It is not for you to know the times or dates the Father has set by his own authority. ⁸ But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.”

What happens after Jesus says the words of Matthew 28 and Acts 1?

He leaves!

Why do we take seriously Jesus’ command to go witness to the ends of the earth?

We have much to learn.

We have much to give.

We have much to gain.

We have much to love.

CTK’s Missions Convictions

We believe in strategic partnership.

Why Sicily?

Why Africa?

Why Thailand?

Around the world there is equal need, but there is not equal access.

We believe in indigenous leadership.

We believe in godly authority, humble service, powerful discipleship, biblical teaching, water baptism, pure reconciliation, and Holy Spirit power!

We believe God is serious about reaching the whole planet.

Next Steps

Pray for Grant and Laurel as they live out these principles around the world over the next three weeks.

Small Group Questions

- 1) What’s the furthest distance from Whatcom County you’ve traveled? Why did you go there?
- 2) Do you have a dream destination you’d like to see and experience? Why there?
- 3) How have you taken Jesus seriously in the past weeks regarding our conversation about neighboring?
- 4) How can you live a life of faith when God rarely reveals all the details of his plan?
- 5) Where are your “Jerusalem, Judea, Samaria and the uttermost parts of the earth”? How can you impact **one** of the concentric circles that God has called you to influence?
- 6) How can we pray for you right now and throughout the week?