

# SERMON STUDY



## REFLECT

1. What do different churches pursue as their primary mission? For example, some churches pursue political action as their primary mission.
2. How did this week's sermon challenge your idea of the mission of the church?

## ENCOUNTER

The apostle Paul once stated the heart of his mission like this: to present everyone mature or complete in Christ. "We proclaim him, warning and teaching everyone with all wisdom, so that we may present everyone mature in Christ. I labor for this, striving with his strength that works powerfully in me" (Colossians 1:28-29).

The most famous and most important statement of the mission of the church is Matthew 28:18-20. The resurrected Jesus Christ gathered his disciples to give them his mission and the strength to fulfill it. Read Jesus' Great Commission for his disciples in Matthew 28:18-20, and if you know the passage well, don't let familiarity dull you to the awesome task.

3. On what basis is Jesus able to commission us? What authority does he have? Why?
4. In your own words, what is a disciple?
5. Jesus uses three words to explain how we make disciples: go, baptize, and teach. Discuss the significance of each word.

6. What is the scope of the mission?

7. Jesus surrounds his mission with hope. What words of Jesus give us hope for our mission?

## TRANSFORM

8. Why is it important for the church to understand, protect, and obey Christ's mission for the church?

## PRAYER REQUESTS