

After Easter: A Journey to Pentecost
The Great Commission

1) The Call to Go

"Then Jesus came to them and said, 'All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Therefore, go and make disciples of all nations...'"

Matthew 28:18,19

God doesn't wait for us to be _____ before calling us to serve.

The word "Go" literally means "*having gone.*"

2) The Mission: Make Disciples

"...baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you."

Matthew 28:19,20

Baptizing - Being immersed into Jesus Christ.

- We are baptized for the forgiveness of our sins.

"Peter replied, "Repent and be baptized, every one of you, in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins. And you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit."

Acts 2:38

- Our sins are washed away in baptism.

"And now what are you waiting for? Get up, be baptized and wash your sins away, calling on his name"

Acts 22:16

- It is how we respond to the gospel.

"and this water symbolizes baptism that now saves you also – not the removal of dirt from the body but the pledge of a clear conscience toward God. It saves you by the resurrection of Jesus Christ..." **1 Peter 3:21**

- It is where our NEW LIFE begins.

“Therefore we have been buried with Him through baptism into death, so that as Christ was raised from the dead through the glory of the Father, so we too might walk in newness of life..” **Romans 6:4**

“He who has believed and has been baptized shall be saved; but he who has disbelieved shall be condemned.” **Mark 16:16**

Teaching - Discipleship is an ongoing journey.

“Those who accepted his message were baptized, and about three thousand were added to their number that day. They devoted themselves to the apostles’ teaching and to fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer.” **Acts 2:41,42**

3) The Promise of His Presence

“And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age.”

Matthew 28:20

Jesus’ presence is not contingent on our perfection or success.

When Moses felt inadequate to confront Pharaoh, God reassured him, *“I will be with you”* (**Exodus 3:12**).

When Joshua took on the daunting task of leading Israel into the Promised Land, God said, *“As I was with Moses, so I will be with you; I will never leave you nor forsake you”* (**Joshua 1:5**).

When David sang of the faithfulness of God, he declared:

“Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil, for You are with me” (**Psalms 23:4**).