

# Time to Go! Sunday 29th May 2022

#### **Foundation Scriptures:**

**Matthew 28:18-20 (NKJV):** "And Jesus came and spoke to them, saying, 'All authority has been given to Me in heaven and on earth. 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, teaching them to observe all things that I have commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age.' Amen."

Mark 16:15 (NKJV): "And He said to them, "Go into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature."

Acts 1:8 (NKJV): "But you shall receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall be witnesses to Me in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth."

#### <u>Introduction</u>

'Go', entails a change of location, purpose, and mindset.

Pastor Kola has been teaching us from Matthew 28:18-20. Mark 16:15 contains a similar commandment, where we are encouraged to 'preach the gospel to every creature'.

Both scriptures commence with the word 'go'.

Today, let us focus on the 'go' part of Matthew 28:18-20.

## Go!

The fact that God didn't give us a time frame for 'going', means that it is an unlimited and eternal instruction, that we should act upon now.

The only caveat is in Acts 1:8, where the disciples were told to wait for the Holy Spirit. However, this doesn't apply to us as believers because we have the Holy Spirit within us, not just upon us.

We all have the authority and opportunity to preach the gospel.

"You need means, motive, and opportunity. We have the means - the ability, and Holy Spirit empowerment. We have the motive - the reason, as obedient disciples of our Lord Jesus; and we have the opportunity in our time on earth, that God has given to us, to go and tell people about Jesus." Minister David Chick, New Wine Church London.

### The Urgency of Salvation

In 2 Corinthians 5:10, the Apostle Paul tells us that everyone will appear before the judgement seat of Christ.

The unsaved will not be prepared for this meeting, which makes the situation of the unbeliever both urgent and important.

"The saving of souls will fall into the 'urgent and important' category', requiring immediate action by ourselves now!" Minister David Chick, New Wine Church London.

## Take the Opportunity!

Opportunity is the time or set of circumstances that make it possible to do something.

When opportunities present themselves to evangelise, we should take them.

"There's no copyright on compassion, there's no selectivity in soul winning; there is no elitism in evangelism; it is for every believer." Minister David Chick, New Wine Church London.

Imagine walking down the river and you see someone drowning. There is a life belt available nearby. Wouldn't you take the life belt, throw it, and save the person's life?

"Maybe today or maybe next week, you will meet someone who is drowning in the darkness of despair through unbelief. Will you throw them the lifebelt of life and Jesus, the light of the world?" Minister David Chick, New Wine Church London.