

GOING DEEPER
May 16 & 17, 2020

Title: Never the Same – The Great Commission

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Text: Matthew 28:16-20

Discussion Questions:

As Jesus gives His final command to his disciples (the 11 apostles and possibly 500 others), they seek Him out, worship him and receive the mission, by all the power and authority in heaven and on earth.

LOOK AT THE WORD

“All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me.” (Matthew 28:18)

After conquering death and the grave, Jesus comes into the fulfillment of His mission and we see Jesus as wholly God in a way we haven't seen before. What does “all authority in heaven and on earth” remind you of? What are the most important components of that authority (over creation, humanity, sin, etc.)?

“Teach these new disciples to obey all the commands I have given you.... And be sure of this: I am with you always, even to the end of the age.”

What are the most important commands Jesus has given us to obey? How do you teach them to someone else? What assurance can you have in your teaching when you know Jesus is with you?

LOOK INWARD

“God couldn't possibly mean me. At least not right now.”

There is a bit of a question of 'why would you doubt'? If you're willing to come this far (to this mountain in Galilee) and God has moved you to follow, why wouldn't this commission be for you right now?

It's a life... a mission, a forever calling that becomes part of our DNA.

“Therefore, while going in the world, make disciples” (Matthew 28:19)

Create learners in the way of Jesus. Even if you don't feel like you can change the world, make a difference where you are. What are areas where you can see God is present and working? What prevents Him from being in the other spaces, where you don't see Him as active? Ask God to be able to see your life through His eyes.

LOOK OUTWARD

All power and authority has been given to me - by my heavenly Father - and because it's been given to me - you go out into the world, in my name.

What confidence do you gain knowing that you are receiving your mission by someone who carries that authority? What steps can you take to live into this Truth? Ask God to help you be aware of this Truth today.

Who discipled you? (Who mentored you? Lived those things out and helped you learn and grow in them?)

This week, say thank you. Write a letter, send a text, pick up the phone - and say, thank you. Thanks for sharing your life with me, for modeling the way of Jesus, for mentoring me as I learn to follow Christ.

And who are you discipling? (Who are you intentionally helping discover Jesus?)

Take the time this week. Read over this passage daily and pray: 'God, reveal to me who I can be discipling right now. I'm willing. I'm listening.' Write down the name(s) that God brings to your mind. And begin by praying for them daily.

“Our real freedom comes from being aware that we do not have to save the world, we must merely make a difference in the place where we live.” - Parker Palmer

NEVER STOP PRAYING

- *Praise God for His faithfulness and presence during these times of uncertainty and*
- *Thank God for the way He is providing for you in these challenging circumstances*
- *Intercede for our business owners as they develop new guidelines in opening; keep them safe and healthy.*
- *Pray for Alpha as it starts this week, in digital form, Tuesday and Thursday nights*
- *For the Gospel Mission and Metro Church as they look after the rising homeless population due to spring weather*
- *For all the churches in Kelowna as they make plans to know how and when to start meeting again.*

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