

WEEK 2

THE REASON I SHOULD GO (MATTHEW 28:16-20)

We're continuing this new series called "LIVE SENT" because some of Jesus's last words to His disciples, before he ascended back to heaven, were from John 20:21 – *"As the Father has sent me, even so I am sending you."* He told us to GO into all the world and make disciples, baptize them, and teach them all that Jesus has commanded us.

Dan, why do you go? (Sabastian)

Tonight, we're looking at the Great Commission passage...

Matthew 28:16–20 "Now the eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain to which Jesus had directed them. ¹⁷ And when they saw him they worshiped him, but some doubted. ¹⁸ And Jesus came and said to them, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. ¹⁹ Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, ²⁰ teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age."

1. Is it normal for Christians to struggle in sharing their faith?

Yes, even those in His inner circle doubted (vs.17). However, since Jesus has "all authority" (vs.18), we can obey Him without fear. No matter where He leads us – no matter what circumstances we face – He is in control.

Example: Peter Walking on Water

The word "doubted" in verse 17 is the same word that described Peter's doubt when he briefly walked on the water with Jesus, but began to sink when he put his eyes on his circumstances. To doubt means to "waver" or "hesitate."

- Doubting the call to go

- Doubting the finances
- Doubting my ability
- Doubting whether I can miss work/school

Dan, you are a “Minister of Evangelism & Missions.” I’m guessing you don’t ever have those doubts about sharing your faith?

Examples: Dan job site conversations: Good ending & Bad ending

2. Should feel obligated to share the Gospel – like HAVE to do it?

Actually, if we’re followers of Christ then we should feel like we can’t help but share...

Example: Peter and John

Acts 4:17–20 [The Jewish leaders said] “But in order that it may spread no further among the people, let us warn them to speak no more to anyone in this name.”¹⁸ So they called them and charged them not to speak or teach at all in the name of Jesus.¹⁹ But Peter and John answered them, “Whether it is right in the sight of God to listen to you rather than to God, you must judge,²⁰ for we cannot [help] but speak of what we have seen and heard.”

3. Is the end goal just to see people saved?

No, if you look back at verse 19-20, there are three parts to the Great Commission:

- 1) **Make disciples** (salvation)
- 2) **Baptize them** (publicly identifying with Christ)
- 3) **Teach them all that Christ has commanded** (developing their knowledge and maturity)

4. Once a person is saved, baptized, and being taught – is that the end of the process for them?

No, just as Christ SENT us to win *that* person, now He is SENDING them to win others...

Example: Multiplication chart

