
MATTHEW 28:16-20

THE MISSION IS WORTH IT

Big Idea: Because Jesus has entrusted His Church with an eternal mission, every generation must faithfully make disciples until He returns.

REMEMBER WHO GAVE US THE MISSION *(Matthew 28:18)*

- Why is the authority of Jesus the proper starting point for understanding the mission of the Church, and how should His authority shape everything we do as a church? (e.g. Matthew 16:13-18; Colossians 1:15-18)
- What can happen when a church becomes more concerned with preserving its traditions, preferences, buildings, or comfort than obeying the mission Jesus has given it? (e.g. Mark 7:6-8; Revelation 2:1-5)
- How should knowing that Jesus is building His Church give us confidence as we look toward the future? (Matthew 16:18; Ephesians 3:20-21)

REMEMBER WHAT THE MISSION IS *(Matthew 28:19-20a)*

- What does it mean biblically to “make disciples,” and why is making disciples more than simply seeing people make a profession of faith? (Acts 2:37-47; Colossians 1:28-29)
- How do evangelism and discipleship work together, and why must a healthy church be committed to both reaching people with the Gospel and helping believers mature in Christ? (Romans 10:13-17; 2 Timothy 2:1-2)
- How can buildings, ministries, budgets, staff, Small Groups, and other resources serve the mission without ever becoming the mission themselves? (1 Corinthians 3:5-9; 1 Peter 4:10-11)

REMEMBER HOW LONG THE MISSION LASTS *(Matthew 28:20b)*

- What responsibility does one generation have to pass the truth about God and His works to the generation coming behind it? (Psalm 78:4-7; Psalm 145:4)
- Why should Christians think beyond their own lifetime when considering the mission of the Church, and what are some sacrifices previous generations made that we benefit from today? (Hebrews 11:13-16, 39-40; Hebrews 12:1-2)
- If Jesus does not return for another 50 years, what kind of church do we hope today’s children and grandchildren will inherit, and what faithfulness might that require from us today? (2 Timothy 2:1-2; Psalm 71:17-18)