

The Greatest... (Week Five)

April 7th, 2024

“COMMISSION”

Review:

- The Greatest Kingdom/Commandment
- The Greatest in the Kingdom
- The Greatest Sacrifice
- The Greatest Victory
- The Greatest Commission

The Greatest Calling—a disciple who is...

- Following Jesus (*Head*)
- Being changed by Jesus (*Heart*)
- On Mission with Jesus (*Hands*)
- Walking it out where we work, live, and play (*Feet*)

We are called to make disciples, not converts!

Matthew 4:19 (ESV) *“‘19 Come, follow me,’ Jesus said, ‘and I will make you fishers of men.’”*

- **John 20:19-22; Matthew 28:18-20; Acts 1:6-8 (NIV)**

The Greatest Commission—therefore, go...

- It started with the greatest message about the greatest hero by regular people.

Acts 2:1-38 (NIV)

- Vs ⁴ *All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues as the Spirit enabled them.* ⁵ *Now there were staying in Jerusalem God-fearing Jews from every nation under heaven.* ⁶ *When they heard this sound, a crowd came together in bewilderment, because each one heard their own language being spoken.*
- Vs ²⁰ *The sun will be turned to darkness and the moon to blood before the coming of the great and glorious day of the Lord.* ²¹ *And everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.*
- Vs ²² *“Fellow Israelites, listen to this: Jesus of Nazareth was a man accredited by God to you by miracles, wonders and signs, which God did among you through Him, as you yourselves know.”*
- Vs ²³ *“This man was handed over to you by God’s deliberate plan and foreknowledge; and you, with the help of wicked men, put Him to death by nailing Him to the cross.”*
- Vs ²⁴ *“But God raised Him from the dead, freeing Him from the agony of death, because it was impossible for death to keep its hold on Him.”*
- Vs ³⁶ *“Therefore let all Israel be assured of this: God has made this Jesus, whom you crucified, both Lord and Messiah.”* ³⁷ *When the people heard this, they were cut to the heart and said to Peter and the other Apostles, “Brothers, what shall we do?”* ³⁸ *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.”*

THE EXPECTED RESPONSE OF EVERY BELIEVER:

Acts 2:37-39 (NIV) ³⁷ *When the people heard this, they were cut to the heart and said to Peter and the other apostles, “Brothers, what shall we do?”* ³⁸ *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.* ³⁹ *The promise is for you and your children and for all who are far off—for all whom the Lord our*

God will call.”

1. Believing—trusting the gospel message—the problem and the solution.
2. Repentance is the result—a change of heart (**2 Corinthians 7:8-10 NIV**).
3. Baptism—a public confession.
4. Being taught in relationship to obey all that He commanded.

Acts 2:40-42 (NIV) ⁴⁰ *With many other words he warned them; and he pleaded with them, “Save yourselves from this corrupt generation.”* ⁴¹ *Those who accepted his message were baptized, and about three thousand were added to their number that day.* ⁴² *They devoted themselves to the apostles’ teaching and to fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer.*

The Easter story sparked a new way of life—a spreading of the Kingdom message—a revolution of the regular people (individually and corporately).

- Do you need to become a disciple of Jesus? Are you ready to be baptized?
- Do you need a small group—to be taught in relationship?
- Do you need to share the message? Do you need to send that message to people that you care about (*the evidences or the message from this last weekend*)?

SMALL GROUP QUESTIONS TO REFLECT AND DISCUSS:

Ice Breaker: What are three things that you are good at?

Main Point: God calls each one of us to make disciples and to honor Him with everything that He has entrusted us with.

Primary Scripture: **Matthew 25:14-30** (Parable of the Talents)

1. What do you think the talents represent in this parable?
2. Why do you think that the third man hid what the King had given him?
3. What did the King in the parable expect? What do you think God expects from us?
4. What happens when we hide how God has gifted us instead of investing it?
5. When have you seen someone invest well spiritually?
6. What has God entrusted you with that is useful for making disciples?
7. How is God asking you to invest in His Kingdom?

Additional Scripture to Consider: **Matthew 4:19; 28:16-20.**