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That Defines the Church”
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Big Idea

Because all authority belongs to the risen Christ, He commands His church to make disciples of all nations through the means He has appointed, with the assurance of His abiding presence.

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- **The question is not what this passage means, but whether we will submit and obey**

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- **The King who commands us is the King who is with us**

The gospel is the good news that the just and gracious God of the universe looked upon hopelessly sinful people and sent His only Son, Jesus Christ, God in human flesh, to bear His wrath against sin on the cross and to show His power over sin in the resurrection so that everyone who turns from their sin (repentance) and believes in Him (faith) will be reconciled to God forever.