



## The Great Commission

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### **Matthew 28 (NLT)**

*“Then the eleven disciples left for Galilee, going to the mountain where Jesus had told them to go. When they saw him, they worshiped him—but some of them doubted! Jesus came and told his disciples, ‘I have been given all authority in heaven and on earth. Therefore, go and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit. 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.’”*

1. *“**All** authority **in heaven and on earth** has been given to me.”*

Position determines authority  
Prior Achievement determines Authority  
Place determines Authority

2. *“therefore go and **make disciples** of all nations...”*

A disciple is someone who is following Jesus, being changed by Jesus, and is committed to the mission of Jesus (to make disciples).

Discipleship or disciple-making - Entering into a relationship with someone to help them trust and follow Jesus from conversion or new birth through maturation to disciple making.

3. *“...**baptizing them** in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit,”*

### **Romans 6:3–4**

*“Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? We were buried therefore with him by baptism into death, in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we too might walk in newness of life.”*

4. *“Teach these new disciples to **obey all the commands** I have given you.”*

10 Commandments from God to Moses to the people

613 Jewish laws

Jesus says, “LOVE GOD & LOVE OTHERS”

5. *“And be sure of this: **I am with you always**, even to the end of the age.”*

**John 14:16-17**

*“And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another advocate to help you and be with you forever the Spirit of truth. The world cannot accept him, because it neither sees him nor knows him. But you know him, for he lives with you and will be in you.”*

6. Closing

The challenge for the church is that we enjoy riding in the boat, but we forget to fish.

How intentional am I about finding and getting to know someone who doesn't know Jesus?  
How much time do I spend building a relationship with somebody who doesn't know Jesus?