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Evangelism

Matthew 28:18-20 (CSB)

Jesus came near and said to them, "All authority has been given to me in heaven and on earth. 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, teaching them to observe everything I have commanded you. And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age."

The Great Commission

- **Commission** = an instruction, command, or duty given to a person or group of people: a group of people officially charged with a particular function

I. Doubt is the perfect setting for evangelism.

- V. 16-17.
- Doubt is not new!
- And Jesus gives the GC anyway!
- Doubt is the perfect setting for evangelism. God doesn’t need a perfect world. He wants to save this one!

II. Evangelism begins with the One who COMES NEAR and SAYS.

- V. 18a
- Don’t skip past it!

a. Jesus came near

b. Jesus said.

- *Immanuel* (God with us).
- “Jesus said to them”

III. Evangelism requires us to trust God's authority

- V. 18.
- Evangelism requires us to trust God's authority (proven by going).
- "God is King, I am not."
- No one can trust Jesus as Lord if God has not already sent forth His prevenient grace to enable them to respond.
- "Authority" *Exousia,* God's delegated power, privilege, freedom to act
- Key: Trust God to work **(Isaiah 55:9-10)**
- There are two kinds of faith: theoretical and actual.

IV. Evangelism includes making disciples, baptizing, and teaching.

- V. 19
- **Discipleship** is following Jesus and inviting others to do the same.
- Discipleship begins with hearing the gospel (Romans 10:17). But it doesn't stop there!
- Disciples are made in the slow, faithful rhythms of seeking Jesus consistently in everyday life. ***Making disciples.***
- Also ***baptizing*** and ***teaching***.
- Baptism: the act and sign of God giving the person new life through His Son.
- Teaching: the ongoing food and formation for the person growing in new life.

Matthew 22:34-40

And when the Pharisees heard that Jesus had silenced the Sadducees, they themselves gathered together. ***35*** *One of them, an expert in the law, tested Him with a question:* ***36*** *"Teacher, which commandment is the greatest in the Law?"*

37 *Jesus declared, "'Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind.'* ***38*** *This is the first and greatest commandment.* ***39*** *And the second is like it: 'Love your neighbor as yourself.'* ***40*** *All the Law and the Prophets hang on these two commandments."*

- HW: Ask God to break your heart for one lost person this week.

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