

God's Mission for Your Life

Read: Matthew 28:16-20

Main Idea: God's command for your life is for you to make disciples.

Key Verses: "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me" (**Matthew 28:18**).
"And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age" (**Matthew 28:20**).

Key Principles

- Because Jesus holds all authority in heaven and on earth, the mission He gives is not an invitation we weigh but an order we obey.
- Worship and hesitation stood side by side on that mountain, so a wavering disciple is still a commissioned disciple.
- Disciple making is the assignment of every believer, not a specialty reserved for pastors, missionaries, or the unusually gifted.
- Baptism is the God-given way a new believer publicly declares allegiance to Christ and is joined to a local church.
- Evangelism that stops at a profession of faith leaves half the commission unfinished, because teaching obedience is the work of a lifetime.
- All nations means every people group on earth, so both the neighbor across the street and peoples who have never heard belong in our going.
- The presence of Christ, not the strength of the sender, is what makes an ordinary church able to reach the nations.

Discussion

1. Why does Jesus ground the commission in his own authority before giving the command? What changes in you when you begin there?
2. Where do you find yourself in verse 17, among those who worshiped or those who doubted? What does it mean that Jesus commissions both?
3. What would it look like to treat going as non-negotiable in the ordinary rhythms of your week at work, at school, or on your street?
4. Why is baptism more than a private decision, and how should our church care for believers who have never obeyed Christ in this way?
5. What is the difference between making a convert and making a disciple? Which of the two has this group been better at?
6. Who is one person you will begin praying for by name? What specific step toward that person will you take before we meet again?

Prayer

- Pray our hearts to obey the Great Commission with joy rather than reluctance.
- Pray for:
 - Our church to proclaim the risen Christ with clarity and courage.
 - Each of us to take one obedient step in making a disciple.
 - Peoples around the world who have never heard the name of Jesus.

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I. The Commander: **28:16-18**

1. Before we know the command we need to know the commander.
2. As the command based on Jesus and his authority 16-18

II. The Command for your life is to make disciples 28:19-20

1. You make disciples by:
 - i. Going: Going is not optional.
 - ii. Baptizing: To be immersed.
 - iii. Teaching: We teach others what Christ has commanded.

III. The Comfort: **28:20**

1. The commander says that He will be with you always.
2. The God who sends you, also soothes you.

NEXT WEEK:
Give Me This Mountain!
Joshua 14