Four Elements Of The Great Commission

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INTRODUCTION

- What happens next? What are the disciples to do after he goes back to the Father?
- They're to take this grand truth about the Savior who's given his life and the salvation he's made possible. They're to take it and they're to preach it to the entire world.
- I want you to notice with me four elements of this sacred charge that Jesus would give to his disciples.

1 The Authority Behind the Charge

Matthew 28:18

- Jesus would begin the Great Commission by laying out the authority that is behind the charge he would give them.
- All authority has been given to me in heaven and on earth.
- Because Jesus had the right and the authority to say go. It was their duty to go.
- We need to stop and consider not just the mission that is laid out here, but who called us to it, and whose authority is behind it, and who we are resisting when we do not heed it.
- Evangelism may appear to be a daunting task until we appreciate the authority that's behind the call.

2 The Mission: Go Make Disciples

Matthew 28:19; Mark 16:15–20; Acts 8:4–5

- In verse 19, Jesus says, Go therefore and make disciples. That's it. That's the mission.
- It was not meant to be kept as a closely guarded secret.
- And they went out and preached everywhere. Notice they didn't wait for people to come to them. They went.
- We're not doing enough going. We're doing too much waiting.
- The job is not waiting, the job is seeking. And that's what the New Testament disciples did.
- What's a disciple? Well, he's a student. He's a pupil. He's an imitator. He's a follower.

3 Baptizing Them, Teaching Them to Observe

Mark 16:16; Acts 2:38; Acts 8:35–36

- Jesus says disciple making involves baptism. In fact, it's essential to the process.
- Baptism is that last step we take that moves us out of the realm of Satan and into the kingdom of Christ.
- Repent and let each of you be baptized. Why? For the forgiveness of your sins.
- The hard reality is that people today are not being told the truth about how to become disciples.
- Being a disciple involves an ongoing process of learning and growing.
- Just because someone is baptized is not the end of the process.

4 The Scope of Our Mission: All the Nations

Mark 16:15; 1 Timothy 2:3–4; Luke 15:1–7

- To whom are we to take this message? All nations.
- No longer is the gospel just for the Jewish people.
- It is the desire of God that all men hear the message and be saved.
- Who desires all men to be saved and to come to a knowledge of the truth.
- They're my lost sheep. And I'm calling them home.
- Do we ever have a problem going to make disciples of people of a different race?

MY NOTES