

SERMON-BASED STUDY: THE MISSION – PART 1

Matthew 28:16-20, ESV – ¹⁶ Now the eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain to which Jesus had directed them. ¹⁷ And when they saw him they worshiped him, but some doubted. ¹⁸ And Jesus came and said to them, “All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. ¹⁹ 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, ²⁰ teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age.”

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QUICK REVIEW

Looking back at your notes from this week’s teaching, was there anything you heard for the first time or that caught your attention, challenged, or confused you?

ENGAGE WITH THE MESSAGE

- 1 This week, we were reminded that God’s purpose is to glorify Himself through all that He has created. How does God glorify Himself through His creation? Specifically, how does He glorify Himself through people, who bear His image?
- 2 Likewise, we were reminded that the church’s purpose is to be committed participants in His mission. Why does God choose to use people as part of His mission? How do people bring glory to God?

- 3 How is the mission fueled by worship? How can the mission keep moving forward even in spite of setbacks?

DIGGING DEEPER

A **Daniel 7:13-14, ESV** – ¹³“I saw in the night visions, and behold, with the clouds of heaven there came one like a son of man, and he came to the Ancient of Days and was presented before him. ¹⁴And to him was given dominion and glory and a kingdom, that all peoples, nations, and languages should serve him; his dominion is an everlasting dominion, which shall not pass away, and his kingdom one that shall not be destroyed.

- 4 According to the passage above (and in Matthew 28:18), Jesus, the Son of Man, has been given dominion, glory, and authority over a kingdom. Why is Jesus worthy of this honor? What kingdom has He been given?

- 5 How would you describe His kingdom? What does His kingdom look like? How does a person become part of this kingdom?

- 6 To be part of a kingdom means to serve the king. What does King Jesus tell us to do in service to Him? Why do people not obey Him?

B **Mark 16:15-16, ESV** – ¹⁵And he said to them, “Go into all the world and proclaim the gospel to the whole creation. ¹⁶Whoever believes and is baptized will be saved, but whoever does not believe will be condemned.

Romans 1:4b-6, ESV – Jesus Christ our Lord, ⁵through whom we have received grace and apostleship to bring about the obedience of faith for the sake of his name among all the nations, ⁶including you who are called to belong to Jesus Christ,

- 7 Looking at the passages above and Matthew 28:19-20, we see the specifics of the command Jesus has given us: 1) Proclaim the Gospel, 2) Baptize new believers, and 3) teach them to obey and serve Jesus. What is the Gospel?

- 8 How are we to teach new believers to obey and serve Jesus? Why is Jesus’ promise at the end of Matthew 28:20 so important to remember in this entire process?

TAKING IT HOME

Jesus is clear with His mission: His disciples are to go and make more disciples. They are to proclaim the Gospel, baptize new believers, and teach them how to be disciples themselves, who make more disciples. What about you? How are you doing at being a disciple? How are you doing at making disciples? Share with your group or accountability partner what God is showing you. Pray for one another as you look to bring glory to Jesus by being disciples who make disciples.

PRAISES AND PRAYER REQUEST

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FOR FURTHER STUDY

Luke 24:27

John 3:35, 12:26, 13:3, 14:15, 17:2

Ephesians 1:20-22