



"The Mission"
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What if The Great Commission could be simplified...to the point where it made you "lean in," and say "I can do that," instead of feeling intimidated and inadequate? This is the goal of this week's message and study. To encourage you to join "the mission" by explaining the passage commonly referred to as "The Great Commission."

The Great Commission, translated into plain language, is simply this: "As you are going...connect people with Jesus." We are all called to live like this. We are all equipped and empowered to do this. And we all CAN do this. One day at a time.

"As we are going...connect people with Jesus." One day at a time. That's what it means to join "The Mission."

Warm It Up:

What do you normally think of when you hear the term "The Great Commission?"

Does the term "The Great Commission" make you feel more excited and empowered, or more intimidated and inadequate? Explain your answer.

Does "The Mission" of God sound more like something that is fulfilled at a specific point in the future...or lived out one day at a time? Explain.

Talk It Over:

1. Tyler began his message with a couple stories about "last words," and how they can be powerful. Do you have a story about meaningful or powerful "last words?" If so, share it with your group.
2. **Read Matthew 28:16-20. Re-read v16-17, and focus on them.** What is your reaction to the fact that all the disciples worshiped, yet some of them doubted?
 - a. Where do you wrestle with doubt nowadays? What is your current approach to dealing with your doubt(s)?

- b. Clearly this passage states that it is completely possible to worship AND wrestle with doubt. How and why do you think that is possible?
 - c. Since doubt is not a "deal-breaker," how can it serve as an opportunity to develop your faith? If you have a personal example of how this worked in your life, share it.
 - d. **Read Mark 9:24.** Where in your life could this be your prayer?
3. **Read Matthew 28:18 and 20b; Psalm 139:5; and Colossians 1:28-29.**
- a. How does it make you feel to hear and know that "The Great Commission" is bracketed by the power and presence of Jesus Himself? In what ways does that take the pressure of you to "perform?"
 - b. Where have you experienced God's power and presence in your life in the last year?
 - c. Share a time when you truly felt that God's energy was working in and through your life. If you haven't experienced that before, then share a place where you would LIKE to see God's energy work in and through your life.
4. **Read Matthew 28:18-20.** Living out The Great Commission (and joining Jesus on The Mission) is as simple and profound as this: "As you are going...connect people with Jesus."
- a. What are several examples (3-5 per person in your group) of "as you are going" in your life? In other words, list all the places that that phrase/translation can be applied.
 - b. Bible scholar Dale Bruner wrote, "To disciple is always an activity that connects a person closely with Jesus." What are some ways that you can leverage your everyday life to connect people with Jesus?
 - i. Have you ever considered that simple approach to life – connecting people with Jesus – to be an example of "making disciples?" Why or why not?
 - ii. Share an example in your life where you helped someone connect with Jesus.
 - iii. In what ways is baptism important for connecting people with Jesus?
 - iv. What are several ways we can teach people around us to obey Christ's commands?
5. Share what you think is the most encouraging part of this lesson (from the sermon notes), which was titled "Encouragements from The Great Commission."

Pray It Out

Pray for each other! Share prayer requests and pray for the person on your right.