
Commitment to the Great Commission

At the end of Jesus's time on earth, He gave his disciples a final command. This command is the natural response to Jesus's other two great commands to love your God and to love your neighbor (Matthew 22:37). What do you think was Jesus's last command and why do you think it is a natural response to His two previous commands?

The founder and president of the largest mission agency in the world with work in more than 150 countries once said, "Christ's Great Commission is the greatest plan ever given to men, by the greatest person who ever lived, concerning the greatest power ever revealed with the greatest promise ever recorded."

Fulfilling the Great Commission

Read Matthew 28:18-20

1. Summarize in your own words the commission that Jesus gave to His disciples.

2. What do you think are the requirements for a person to begin fulfilling the Great Commission? Read the following verses and write down your response.

John 14:6

Acts 1:8

1 Corinthians 9:16-17

Ephesians 5:18

1 Timothy 4:1-6

1 Peter 3:15

Go, Make, Baptize and Teach

1. Read Acts 1:8 again. Where is it that we should "go" as we fulfill the Great Commission?

2. Read 2 Timothy 2:2. How would you define "make disciples" based on this verse?

3. A part of disciple making is baptism. We cannot make the decision for people to be baptized but why do you think it is important? Read Matthew 3:13-17; Romans 6:3, 4.

4. Think for a moment about everything you have learned in your life as a Christian. What do you think Jesus meant by "teach them all that I have commanded?"

His Final Command

When Jesus gave His final command to His disciples, He told them to make more disciples in every nation. The Greek word for nation is the word from where we derive "ethnicity." At the time of the New Testament, national boundaries did not exist like we have them today. Instead, people generally lived among their own ethnic populations. So, when Jesus gave the command to make disciples, He expected that we would go to every people group to be sure that they can hear about the good news. It has been more than 2000 years since Jesus gave His disciples the Great Commission and we are not quite finished. There are still nearly 1,000 distinct ethnic groups who have never had the opportunity to hear about Jesus.

Application

1. How do you think the Lord could use you in fulfilling His Great Commission?

2. How do you think the Lord could use your small group in fulfilling the Great Commission?

3. What do you think the need is in your city for new churches?