

THE GREAT COMMISSION

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Texts: Matthew 28:18-20; Acts 1:8

Intro: "...be my witnesses in all nations near and far... to all types of people..." Jesus' Compassion, Empathy, Grace, Truth

A. The Seekers – Looking for better - John 1:29-51

1. Often Those Like You
2. "Come and see"
3. Jesus exhibits evidence

B. The Ostracized – Rejected by others - John 4:1-42

1. Often Those UN-Like You
2. "Sit Down and Listen"
3. Find Common Ground / Point to Jesus

C. The Predators – Disdained by others - Luke 19:1-10

1. Often Unliked by You
2. "Give Opportunity" / Ignore the Scoffers
3. Respond to repentance graciously

D. The Infirm & Hurting – Avoided by others - John 9

1. Often Misunderstood by You
2. Make Some Time
3. Seek God's Glory (John 9:24; 30-33; 38 John 11:4)

E. Summary – Conclusion (Ephesians 5:15-20) – The Call

Tabletalk Questions

Overview

Last time, we learned the amazing truth that Jesus defeated death. Jesus was crucified. On the third day, He rose from the dead just as He said He would! When something incredible like that happens, it demands a response. Jesus' followers couldn't just go on living life as before. This changed everything! But what was the next step? How would this miracle impact their mission?

1. Most people live their life with a sense of mission. The mission of being famous, the mission of being secure, the mission of being loved and respected are just a few of the things people pursue. What might people close to you say is your mission in life?

How does the mission of God differ from those missions?

2. God wants everyone to "go into all the world."

What might that look like for you?

3. Read Matthew 28:16–17

How have you wrestled with doubts in your faith journey or about something Jesus has told you to do?

4. Read Matthew 28:18–20

What does it look like for you to make disciples in all "your going"—in your home, neighborhood, and workplace?

5. Read Acts 1:3–8

We can be guilty at times of focusing on building the wrong kingdom.

What are some “counterfeit kingdoms” that we can be distracted by?

6. Read Acts 1:9–11

According to John 14:2–3, Jesus ascended to prepare a place for you and me to be with Him someday. How do you imagine that place?

What do you think it will be like?