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Matthew 28:18-20

## A GREAT COMMITMENT TO THE GREAT COMMISSION

### I. Introduction:

A Great Commitment: Illustration of the Pope

### II. The Great Commission:

#### A. Unpacking the Passage: The Context

<sup>3</sup> After his suffering, he presented himself to them and gave many convincing proofs that he was alive. He appeared to them over a period of forty days and spoke about the kingdom of God.” Acts 1:3

#### B. Last Words: The Mission of The Church

“Then Jesus came to them and said, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. [19] Therefore go and **make disciples** of all **nations**, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, [20] and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age."  
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He said to them, "Go into all the world and preach the good news to all creation. [16] Whoever believes and is baptized will be saved, but whoever does not believe will be condemned. Mark 16:15-16

1. The Great Commission Commands us to \_\_\_\_\_
2. We are to go to all \_\_\_\_\_:
  - a. Nations in Greek = “Ethnos” or all \_\_\_\_\_

### C. Why We Don't Go:

1. We don't know \_\_\_\_\_
2. We are too \_\_\_\_\_
3. We find it too \_\_\_\_\_
4. We are too \_\_\_\_\_
5. We don't see the \_\_\_\_\_

### D. Why We Need To Go:

<sup>13</sup> **“You are the salt of the earth.** But if the salt loses its saltiness, how can it be made salty again? It is no longer good for anything, except to be thrown out and trampled underfoot.” Matthew 5:13

<sup>14</sup> **“You are the light of the world.** A town built on a hill cannot be hidden.” Matthew 5:14

### E. We Are Called To Make \_\_\_\_\_

The Greek word for disciple is “Mathetes” meaning a  
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[15] Instead, speaking the truth in love, we will in all things grow up into him who is the Head, that is, Christ.” Ephesians 4:15

## III. Conclusion and Application:

- Where did Jesus tell His disciples to go? ([28:19](#))
- \*What did Jesus tell His disciples to make? ([28:19](#))

## PROFILE OF A DISCIPLE

- 1) A Disciple has accepted Jesus Christ as his/her personal Savior and Lord. (John 1:12, Romans 10:9-11)
- 2) **A Disciple is a learner who is open and teachable.** He/She is eager to learn from God and others, and is committed to seeing God transform his/her life into the image of Christ. (Romans 12:2; Philippians 3:13-14; Psalm 119:33-37)
- 3) **A Disciple loves God with all his/her heart and soul,** resulting in a relationship of supreme and incomparable love for Jesus Christ. This love is demonstrated by submission to Christ as Lord in ALL areas of life. (Matthew 22:37-40; John 14:21)
- 4) **A Disciple has a continuous involvement in the Bible and demonstrates a desire to learn and apply God's Word.** He/She regularly hears, reads, studies, memorizes, and meditates on it; his/her life is increasingly saturated in the scriptures and marked by the scriptures. (2 Timothy 3:16-17; Joshua 1:8; Psalm 119:9, 11)
- 5) **A Disciple has a daily devotional time with God** and is developing in his/her prayer life, which includes adoration, confession, thanksgiving, and supplication. (Philippians 4:6-7; Joshua 1:8)
- 6) **A Disciple attends church regularly to worship God,** to be ministered to and to serve through his/her gifts and abilities in order to enrich the lives of others. A Disciple is also committed to seeking other opportunities for building supportive relationships with believers in Christ. (Hebrews 10:24-25; I Corinthians 12:7; I Peter 4:10)
- 7) **A Disciple has a growing heart for the lost,** can give his/her testimony clearly, and faithfully shares the Gospel with others as God gives opportunity. (Romans 1:16; I Timothy 2:3-6)

- 8) **A Disciple is involved in the process of spiritual reproduction through investing his/her life in others.** (Matthew 28:19-20; 2 Timothy 2:1)
- 9) **A Disciple is committed to living a holy life**, increasingly demonstrating the fruit of the Spirit in his/her words, actions, and relationships. A Disciple is willing to take steps to separate from sin. (Galatians 5:22; I Peter 1:15-16; 2 Timothy 2:22-26)
- 10) **Disciple is available to be used God whenever, wherever, and however He chooses.** A Disciple follows Christ at personal sacrifice, assuming responsibility gladly. (Luke 9:23; 2 Timothy 2:3-10)
- 11) **A Disciple demonstrates faithfulness in whatever God and others have entrusted to him/her.** He/She is a good steward of his/her body, time, talents, finances, and possessions, always seeking to honor God in these areas. (I Timothy 4:14-16; I Peter 4:10; Matthew 25:14-30; I Corinthians 4:1-2)
- 12) **A Disciple demonstrates a servant's heart** by denying himself/herself to serve others in practical tangible ways. (Mark 9:35; Matthew 18:4, Luke 22:25-27)

God is more interested in our future than He is in our past. Let us pray that God would challenge us and encourage us as we seek to Grow Up as His Disciples.