

Foundations of Faith

Lesson Seven: The Great Commission

“Then JESUS said to them, all authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. 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, and TEACHING them to OBEY everything I have command you. And surely I am WITH YOU always to the very end of the age.” (Matthew 28:18-20)

All Authority

These verses in Matthew include some of the last instructions that Jesus gave His disciples before he ascended into heaven. We call this the **Great Commission**. God has commissioned us with all His authority to share His message of love to the world.

Read the following verses. Describe in your own words what power/authority God has given us.

Acts 1:8 _____

2 Corinthians 5:18-21 We are to be His ambassador – His representative to people who don't know him _____

John 14:11-12 _____

Story on a Demonstration of Power in Evangelism

Go Make Disciples!

Gods first command to humans was “be fruitful and multiply throughout the earth” (Genesis 1:28). Today, God still calls us to reproduce life so people who love and follow Him fill the earth. A disciple of Jesus is an obedient and reproducing follower of Jesus. Making a disciple means helping someone else receive Christ and obey all He has commanded. God desires that each of us be bold and take the initiative to share the gospel with those who don't know Christ.

Read Luke 8:4-8, 11-15.

What does this teach us about who responds to the gospel? The ones where seed falls on good soil; _____

¼ of the people responded _____

What does this parable teach us about sharing the gospel? We should share the gospel with everyone in order to find out where _____

the “good soil” is _____

Read 2 Timothy 2:2. What does this teach us about making disciples? We should make disciples that will also be trustworthy _____

to make other disciples as well _____

Personal testimony on the Impact of Life on Life Evangelism and Discipleship.

All Nations!

Read 2 Peter 3:9. Who does God desire to save? He desires to save everyone

Who are some people you need to “go” to and share the gospel? _____

Read Romans 10:13-17. Why is it important to share the gospel with those who have never heard? How can they believe if they

haven't heard?; How can they hear unless someone is sent?

Read Matthew 24:14. What does Jesus promise in this verse? He will return after the Gospel has been preached to all nations

The Very End of the Age!

When this **Great Commission** has been completed then Jesus has promised to return, destroying all sin and evil forever. Then we will be with Him forever in perfect paradise – HEAVEN!

What do the following verses teach us about heaven?

John 14:1-3 Jesus is preparing a place for us in heaven

Revelation 7:9-10 Heaven will be filled with people from every nation, tribe, people and language

Revelation 21:3-5 We will be with God forever

As a Christian you now have a great and living hope that one day you will be with God forever in heaven with those you love that have believed in Him as well. The most important thing now is that God calls you to share the gospel and teach people to obey all of His ways. God desires that all people be saved and we have the awesome privilege to join Him in spreading the **GOOD NEWS!**

Check which of the following things you can do to be a part of fulfilling the GREAT COMMISSION.

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Ask God for boldness and signs and wonders | <input type="checkbox"/> Train others to obey Jesus and to make disciples also |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Pray for people that don't know Jesus | <input type="checkbox"/> Start a new Point Team |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Lead people to believe in Jesus | <input type="checkbox"/> Give money to support a missionary |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Baptize those you lead to Jesus | <input type="checkbox"/> Go to another country to share with those who have not heard |

YOUR RESPONSE THIS WEEK:

- Plan a time to go out with your trainer to share the gospel.
- Pray and ask God for boldness and signs and wonders.
- Make a list of everyone you know that does not know Jesus. Then make a plan to share with them. For accountability, share the plan with the one taking you through this lesson.
- Agree with the one taking you through this lesson on a realistic but challenging goal to share the gospel this week.
- Share these lessons with someone who is ready to be trained.