

## The Great Commission

“Co-Missionaries”

Matthew 28:16-20

Jesus has a mission.

Jesus delegates His Mission... to YOU

### Overview

1. The Mount of Transfiguration
2. The World Transfigured
3. The Valley Between

The Mount of Transfiguration (v.16)

\*\* The significances of this meeting:

1. Jesus is resurrected
2. Jesus is victorious
3. Jesus is worthy of worship
4. Jesus is King (all authority)
5. Jesus is empowering—**Go** therefore

The World Transfigured (v.18-20)

Jesus answers 4 questions:

1. How can the world be changed?
2. Who in the world *should* be changed?
3. When should the world be changed?
4. Why?

**How** can the world be changed?

- Through multiplying disciples
- Through teaching disciples

Gospel teaching looks like:

- a. Instruction—all he commanded
- b. Serving (Jn. 13:13-16)
- c. Parenting—1 Cor. 4, 1 Thess. 2

- A teacher is an example of service

John 13:13-16 “You call me Teacher and Lord, and you are right, for so I am. If I then, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also ought to wash one another's feet. For I have given you an example, that you also should do just as I have done to

you. Truly, truly, I say to you, a servant is not greater than his master, nor is a messenger greater than the one who sent him.”

- A teacher is an example of parenting

1 Cor. 4:14-17 “I do not write these things to make you ashamed, but to admonish you as my beloved children. For though you have countless [ten thousand] guides in Christ, you do not have many fathers. For I became your father in Christ Jesus through the gospel. I urge you, then, be imitators of me. That is why I sent you Timothy, my beloved and faithful child in the Lord, to remind you of my ways in Christ, as I teach them everywhere in every church.”

**Who** in the world should be changed?

- Jerusalem—Church, Family
- Judea—similar people
- Samaria—outcasts
- Ends of earth—missions, support

**When** should the world be changed?

- Now—Go! Cross the distance
- Every chance— “the whole of the day”
- As long as you can—till end of the age

**Why** should the world be changed?

- We baptize “in the name” of God
- God is glorified when people display the mind and character of His Son
- God’s glory will fill the earth

The Valley in Between

1. Accept the Mission
2. Wait for the Spirit—Lk. 24:49: TARRY
3. Advance the Mission

Accept the Mission—you had ONE job

\*\*\*\*\* Jesus **delegated** his mission

- Matt. 10, Lk.9—sent out the 12
- Lk. 10—sent the 72
- Jn. 20:21—sent with the Spirit

Flow or stagnate! Dare or grow dull!

Heb. 5:11-14: "About this we have much to say, and it is hard to explain, since you have become dull of hearing. For though by this time you ought to be teachers, you need someone to teach you again the basic principles of the oracles of God. You need milk, not solid food, for everyone who lives on milk is unskilled in the word of righteousness, since he is a child. But solid food is for the mature, for those who have their powers of discernment trained by constant practice to distinguish good from evil.

### Practicalities

1. Be disciplined by someone else!
2. Observe your social circles
3. Choose 1-3 people
4. Cross the distance; initiate!
5. Persist! Give yourself—to end of age