

The Great Commission

Read the Bible verses that tell us about the Great Commission.

Matthew 28:16-20

Mark 16:15-19

What is “mission”?

The word ‘mission’ is Biblical but not actually in the Bible.

Does it mean:

- Sending money overseas?
- Going on mission trips?
- Being a missionary in the field, (living there)
- Having a mission program in your church?

There are two types of mission.

a) Local Mission

b) Taking the Gospel to another place, outside of your local environment

Local mission includes church programs, like kid’s church, Sunday School and Youth groups.

Mission is a result of the Gospel. It’s more than just spreading love and doing good things for others. It involves sharing the Gospel.

See Colossians 1:15

Jesus came to fix one problem – alienation from God.

To be on mission we must feel the weight of sin, and want to show people how they can be free from sin.

Matthew 5:21-22

Matthew 5: 27-30

What is sin?

The purpose of mission is to introduce people to a Saviour.

Matthew 28:16 –18

It is significant that Jesus was on a mountain. Why?

In verse 17 – Some doubted seeing Jesus in His resurrected form.

In versed 18 – Jesus gives us all authority – the right to say that sins can be forgiven, and the power to claim it.

Jesus says “Go”.

How do we tell other cultures and religions that they are wrong? Is this arrogance?

Because of Jesus statement it is actually loving to tell others they can have their sins forgiven.

Verses 19-20 tell us to “Make disciples”.

What is a disciple?

Luke 14:27 – Bear your cross. Don’t be a spectator.

What does it mean to take up your cross?

Be willing to die

“Go to all nations”

Be willing to go where God calls you – it may be local or it may be overseas.

In the New Testament people were baptised when they became a Christian.

Verse 20 – Jesus is with us always. It doesn’t mean that the mission will be easy, but Jesus is in control.