

The Great Commission: "More Than Just A Moment"
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Introduction

Last week, we were reminded of the importance of Jesus' command to "GO". We were reminded that going is a constant thing founded on it's intent. Pastor Mark reminded us that "Gathering and Going are not the same thing". They work together but they are not the same. So when we look at the call to "go" we see that at the heart of the Great Commission is this: "Make disciples." But never forget that we can't pass on what we haven't experienced ourselves. To help others follow Jesus, we must first be following Him—living the life He calls us to live.

Discussion Questions

1. Called Into Relationship

Read Matthew 28:19 and 1 Corinthians 1:2-9.

- What does it mean to be invited into a relationship with God, rather than just into a religion?
- How has God personally invited you into deeper relationship with Him recently?

2. Called to Baptism

Read Romans 6:1-6.

- How does baptism symbolize both death to our old life and resurrection into new life?
- Why do you think many believers struggle to walk in this "new life" reality?
- Share your baptism story (if you have one). How did that moment impact your faith journey?

3. Called to Discipleship

Read John 8:31-32.

- How would you describe the difference between being a "believer" and being a "disciple"?
- What intentional practices help you follow Jesus daily? Who has discipled you in your walk with Christ, and how did they influence you?

4. Called to Help Others Experience Jesus

Read Acts 2:41-47.

- How can we practically help others experience what we've experienced in Christ?
- Who in your circle of influence (family, friends, workplace, neighborhood) might God be calling you to invest in spiritually?
- What next step can you take this week to begin discipling or encouraging someone else?

Application & Prayer

- Reflect: Where in your walk do you still need to experience Jesus more deeply?
- Commit: Identify one person you will pray for and intentionally encourage this week.
- Pray together: Ask God for boldness to GO and make disciples, starting in your homes and communities.

Memory Verse:

"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"

Matthew 28:19