

God and Man Through the Bible – Session 22

The Great Commission and the Ascension of Jesus

Read [Matthew 28:16-20](#)

1. What was the mission Jesus had for His disciples? What 3 instructions did Jesus give?
2. Who did Jesus promise would be with them?
3. By whose authority were the disciples sent on the mission? Why is this important?
4. Do you think that this is still relevant today? Should all Christians do this?
5. Was Jesus on a mission? Read [Mark 1:14-15](#); [Mark 10:45](#)
6. Do you see any similarity between the Great Commission and the Great Commandment? Read [Matthew 22:36-39](#)
7. Which of the following do you think are a part of making “disciples of all nations?”
 - a) Praying for people, nations, and opportunities to point people toward Jesus
 - b) Giving money to God, either to a church or to a missionary organization
 - c) Volunteering or serving with a group, or church that is “on mission?”
 - d) Talking out loud to people about Jesus? Preaching
 - e) Leading a Bible study or discussion group?
 - f) Going to another country/culture to share the gospel about the Kingdom of God.
8. Which of the following best describes you and the Great Commission?
 - a) Not interested – Don’t think this is important for you.
 - b) Interested but not doing anything.
 - c) Learning how to make disciples and want to make disciples in the future
 - d) Actively making disciples

Read [Acts 1:1-11](#)

1. How many days was Jesus with the disciples after His death and resurrection? What was the main thing Jesus talked to them about? (verse 3)
2. What does Jesus say would happen to the disciples in verse 5?
3. When does Jesus say He will restore the kingdom of Israel? (verse 7)
4. What is a witness? Have Jesus’ disciples shared the gospel where He said they would?
5. Should followers of Jesus still be doing this today? Have you ever met anyone who is trying to obey this command? Why do you think they obey this command?
6. Have followers of Jesus reached your country or culture with the Good News? How does your culture respond? How have you responded?
7. Where do you think Christians get the power to be witnesses? Read verse 8.

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For Further Discussion:

Who should be “witnesses?” How can we know if a witness is qualified?

What should the “witnesses” do? What do you think they should talk about?

Should they do more than talk? What?

What should they do if people, cultures or governments try to prevent them?

How would you feel if a missionary came to your hometown to work?

For Further Reading:

[Christian Missions are Important](#)