



WHY CHURCH MISSION

Pastor Lance April 13, 2014 :: Matthew 28:16-20

¹⁸ And Jesus came and said to them, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. ¹⁹ Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, ²⁰ teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age."

Matthew 28:18–20 (ESV)

THE LOCAL CHURCH: MISSION

Pastor Lance taught the mission of the church via the greatness of the commission given to us by Jesus. We gather, connect and are strengthened in the gospel *in order* to scatter for mission in the world around us. Reflect for a few moments on the following points from the sermon and discuss how you processed them. Which aspects of the text or sermon were particularly helpful to you?

- Great Commission is great:
 - Because it starts with the finished work of Christ.
 - Because it extends to the church.
 - Because it is Jesus' strategy.
 - Because we call all participate.
 - Because it comes with the promise of God's presence.

APPLICATION

- a. Describe ways your group could be more intentional in participating in the Great Commission. In what ways would a greater involvement in mission stir relationship in the group?
- b. Consider the particular challenges we face in mission. What temptations might we encounter if we forget Jesus' authority over the mission? How can we appropriate the promise of his presence?