

# The Great Commission



Matthew 28:18-20 (ESV)

“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.’”

Three key truths about the Great Commission:

## 1. The Authority of Jesus

The Great Commission begins with Jesus declaring His ultimate authority.

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“And Jesus came and said to them, ‘All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me.

Jesus’ authority is the foundation of our mission. He has defeated sin, death, and Satan through His death and resurrection, and He reigns as King over all creation. This authority gives us confidence to carry out His mission.

## 2. The Mission to Make Disciples

Jesus commands us to go and make disciples of all nations.

Matthew 28:19 (ESV)

“Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptising them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.”

Making disciples means helping others follow Jesus. This involves going, teaching and baptising.

This mission is global in scope—reaching every nation, tribe, and people.

Acts 1:8 (ESV)

“But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth.”

The Great Commission calls every believer to participate in this mission - whether through sharing the gospel, supporting missions, or discipling others in their faith.

## 3. The Presence of Jesus

Jesus promises to be with us always as we fulfill His mission.

Matthew 28:20 (ESV)

“And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age.”

We are not alone in this mission. Jesus is with us through His Holy Spirit, empowering us, guiding us, and giving us the strength to persevere. His presence is both a comfort and a source of courage.

As we step out in faith to make disciples, we can trust in the unshakable promise of Jesus’ presence.

## Discussion Questions

1. What does Jesus’ authority mean for your confidence in sharing the gospel?
2. How can you participate in making disciples in your daily life?
3. How does the promise of Jesus’ presence encourage you in this mission?