

Foundations of Faith

Lesson Seven: The Great Commission

“Then _____ said to them, ‘All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Therefore _____ and _____ of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and _____ them to _____ everything I have commanded you. And surely I am _____ always to the very end of the age.’” (Matthew 28:18-20)

All Authority

These verses in Matthew include some of the last instructions that Jesus gave his disciples before he ascended into heaven. We call this the Great Commission. God has commissioned us with all His authority to share His message of love to the world.

Read 2 Corinthians 5:18-21. Describe in your own words what authority God has given us.

Go make disciples!

God’s first command to humans was “be fruitful and multiply throughout the earth” (Genesis 1:28). Today, God still calls us to reproduce life so people who love and follow him fill the earth. A disciple of Jesus is an obedient and reproducing follower of Jesus. Making a disciple means helping someone else receive Christ and obey all He has commanded. God desires that each of us be bold and take the initiative to share the gospel with those that don’t know Christ.

Read Luke 8:4-8, 11-15.

What does this teach us about who responds to the gospel? _____

What does this parable teach us sharing the gospel? _____

Read 2 Timothy 2:2. What does this teach us about making disciples? _____

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All Nations!

Read 2 Peter 3:9. Who God does desire to save? _____

Read Romans 10:13-17. Why is it important to share the gospel with those who have never heard? _____

Read Acts 1:8. Where did Jesus call the disciples to go? Where has God called you to go? _____

Read Matthew 24:14. What does Jesus promise in this verse? _____

The very end of the age!

When this Great Commission has been completed then Jesus has promised to return, destroying all sin and evil. Then we will be with him forever in perfect paradise – Heaven!

What do the following verses teach us about heaven?

Revelation 7:9-10 _____

Revelation 21:3-5 _____

As a Christian you now have a great and living hope that one day you will be with God forever in heaven along with those you love that have believed in him as well. The most important thing now is that God calls you to share the gospel and teach people to obey all of His ways. God desires that all people be saved and we have the awesome privilege to join him in spreading the GOOD NEWS!

Check which of the following things you can do to be apart of fulfilling the Great Commission.

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Ask God for boldness and sign and wonders | <input type="checkbox"/> Train others to obey Jesus and to make disciples also |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Pray for people that don't know Jesus | <input type="checkbox"/> Start a new lifegroup |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Lead people to believe in Jesus | <input type="checkbox"/> Give money to support a missionary |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Baptize those you lead to Jesus | <input type="checkbox"/> Go to another country to share with those that have not heard |

YOUR RESPONSE THIS WEEK:

- Plan a time to go out with the one taking you through this lesson to share the gospel together.
- Pray and ask God for boldness and signs and wonders.
- Make a list of everyone you know that does not know Jesus. Then make a plan to share with them. For accountability, share the plan with the one taking you through this lesson.
- Agree with the one taking you through this lesson on a realistic but challenging goal to share the gospel this week.
- Share these lessons with someone who is ready to be trained.
- Continue using the SOS method of bible study (see lesson 2) as you read through the gospels and the rest of the Bible.
- Continue meeting regularly with someone for accountability and further training in following Jesus.