

Matthew 28:16 – 20

**<sup>16</sup> Then the eleven disciples went away into Galilee, to the mountain which Jesus had appointed for them. <sup>17</sup> When they saw Him, they worshiped Him; but some doubted.**

**<sup>18</sup> And Jesus came and spoke to them, saying, “All authority has been given to Me in heaven and on earth. <sup>19</sup> Go <sup>[c]</sup> therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, <sup>20</sup> teaching them to observe all things that I have commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, *even* to the end of the age.” <sup>[d]</sup> Amen.**

This was Jesus' Mountain top voice. He was addressing, some believe, as many as 500 people that day. Matthew tells us that some of the people did not believe. Most commentaries believe that these persons may have been new followers. If that was the case, can you imagine what it might have been like to hear and see Jesus in the post-resurrection give this mighty sermon?

God speaks to us in a variety of times in our life. Sometimes on the mountain and other times in the valley. The main point is that God speaks at all times. The major question is Do we hear Him?

God has given us “Free Will” As God speaks to us, Do we choose to listen?

### **The Call to be and do**

When God spoke to Adam & Eve, God blessed them, saying, “Be fruitful and multiply, and fill the waters in the seas, and let birds multiply on the earth.” In the great Commission Jesus told his followers to “Go, make disciples and baptize them.

**Mark 16:14-18**

**14 Later He appeared to the eleven as they sat at the table; and He rebuked their unbelief and hardness of heart, because they did not believe those who had seen Him after He had risen. 15 And He said to them, "Go into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature. 16 He who believes and is baptized will be saved; but he who does not believe will be condemned. 17 And these signs will follow those who [d]believe: In My name they will cast out demons; they will speak with new tongues; 18 they[e] will take up serpents; and if they drink anything deadly, it will by no means hurt them; they will lay hands on the sick, and they will recover."**

## **GO**

To "Go" is the art of mission To make disciples and baptize is the art of relationship.

## **GO**

The work of mission is the work of all of God's people. Many times missioning is not glamorous. We would love to be the lord of our own little kingdom, however Jesus sent the disciples and us out from our areas of comfort to anoint people who have nothing and can do nothing for us.

In other words, if we are in ministry with people who are like us and we are comfortable, all of the time, we may not be the missionaries God has called us to be.

What would that look like?

1. God's word would be proclaimed
2. Evil Spirits would be cast out
3. Healings would take place
4. Lives would be changed

## **Relationship**

The heart of our relationships should be Christ. From that relationship, then we make disciples. As we develop in our discipleship (relationship) with Christ, then we want to help others draw closer to Christ. A person once said, "Jesus did not leave us a missional ethic, but rather an ethos or atmosphere of missional relationships. Jesus has called us to develop a place in our world (Home, work) where relationships matter.

All of us have a "Holy of Holies" place. The question is what resides there? Are we the center of is Jesus?

How are we living out the relationship that God has called us to live?

1. How is your study and Prayer life?
2. Has your prayer been more of a wish list, rather than a conversation?
3. Is Christ magnified in all you do?
4. How about your neighbor? Are there people God has placed on your heart that you need contact.
5. How are you or are you staying connected during this strange time of physical distancing?

In the assentation, and great commission Jesus reminded his followers and reminds us, His followers today, again that "God the lover, Jesus the loved and the Holy Spirit the love is with us. Further we are able to do our ministry because he is the way Maker.