

Unity in Mission

Matthew 28:18-20

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Series Theme: Growing in Unity

For What Reason Does FBC Exist – Actually? Ideally?

- For “us insiders”, or “those outsiders”, or ?

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

- Mark 16:15; Luke 24:46-48; John 17:17-23; 20:21; Acts 1:8

Consider Jesus’ _____ to Command.

- *‘All authority has been given to me.....’* (Matthew 28:18a)
 - His ‘authority’ (Matthew 9:6-8; 21:23-27; John 5:27; 10:18; 17:1-2; I Corinthians 15:24-28; Ephesians 1:19-22; Colossians 1:16; 2:10,15; I Peter 3:22; Revelation 12:10)
- *“In these last days he (God) has spoken to us by his Son, whom he appointed the heir of all things, through whom also he created the world. He is the radiance of the glory of God and the exact imprint of his nature, and he upholds the universe by the word of his power. After making purification for sins, he saw down at the right hand of the Majesty on high, having become as much superior to angels as the name he has inherited is more excellent than theirs.”* (Hebrews 1:2-4; see also Colossians 1:15-20)
 - Who is _____ ?

Consider His _____ (“Great Commission”).

- *“Go therefore and make disciples of all nations.....”* (Matthew 28:19a)
- ‘Disciple’: one who is being _____ by believing in, trusting, learning from, and _____ Jesus.

Consider What’s _____ in “Making Disciples”.

- *“going”* (‘having gone’) –
- *“baptizing”* –
- *“teaching”* -

Consider Jesus’ _____.

- *“And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age.”* (Matthew 28:20; cf. 16:18)

Consider Why We _____ The “Great Commission”

- **The “Great Commandment”** - *“You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind. This is the great and first commandment. And a second is like it: You shall love your neighbor as yourself.”* (Jesus, Matthew 22:37-38)
- *“By this all people will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another.”* (John 13:35)

Consider the _____ of the Great Commission and the Great Commandment.

- *‘We are ambassadors for Christ, God making his appeal through us. We implore you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God.’* (II Corinthians 5:20)
- *“Him we proclaim, warning everyone and teaching everyone with all wisdom, that we may present everyone mature in Christ.”* (Colossians 1:28).
- The goal: _____ to God and _____ in Christ.

What Should Our Mission Be?

- Should it be anything other than _____ making _____, locally and globally?

How Can We Contribute to “Unity in Mission”?

- By prayerfully evaluating and _____ our own commitment to the Great Commission (Matthew 28:18-20);
- By prayerfully and consistently gathering together for _____ encouragement and _____ (Hebrews 10:24-25; I Cor. 4:3,12,26);
- By prayerfully developing _____ relationships with unbelievers and by participating in _____ opportunities (Col. 4:5-6; I Peter 3:13-17);
- By prayerfully submitting to church _____ as they _____ us in “great commission” and “great commandment” ministry (Hebrews 13:7,17; Ephesians 4:11-16).

For Personal and/or Small Group Reflection

1. Finish the sentence (actually, not ideally): my personal mission in life is.....
2. In light of the scriptures mentioned in this lesson, are there any changes needed to make your personal mission align better with scripture?
3. What mission did Christ give to the disciples in Matthew 28:18-20? Is that to be our mission as well?
4. True or False? I have been obedient to that command. Testimonies?
5. True or False? In our church the “great commission” has become the “great omission”. Defend your answer.
6. When commanded to “make disciples”, what are we to make? What’s your definition of a ‘disciple’?
7. Is this only a command for some believers, like pastors and missionaries? Defend.
8. How is “making disciples” accomplished?
9. What is the “Great Commandment”, and how does it relate to the “Great Commission”?
10. Regarding how you can contribute to ‘unity in mission’, what commitment will you make?