Called to Go: Embracing the Great Commission



Explore Jesus' final command in Matthew 28:16–20 and discover how we're called to make disciples and impact the world.





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Introduction

The Great Commission stands as a pivotal moment in the Gospels where Jesus empowers His followers with a clear, bold mission. After His resurrection, Jesus meets His disciples on a mountain in Galilee and declares a charge that defines Christian purpose through all ages: "Go and make disciples of all nations." This command is not just historical; it's a living call to every believer today.

In this 7-day study, we'll delve deeply into *Matthew 28:16–20* and related passages across the Gospels to understand Jesus' passion for the lost, the promise of His presence, and the roles we each have as disciple–makers. From the transformational experience of encountering the risen Christ to the practical outworking of teaching, baptizing, and trusting God's authority, this study will challenge and inspire you to embrace your part in God's redemptive plan.

Whether you're new to faith or have followed Christ for years, the Great Commission invites active participation — it's a call to share hope, love, and truth in a world desperate for both. Get ready to be stirred in your heart, equipped in your mind, and empowered in your spirit to take up the mission Christ has entrusted to His church. Let's embark on this journey together and discover what it means to live as disciple–makers following Jesus' final command.

















Day 1: The Encountering the Risen Jesus

Your Verse

Matthew 28:16-17 - "Then the eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain where Jesus had told them to go. When they saw him, they worshiped him; but some doubted."

Supporting Scriptures

- Luke 24:36–39 "Look at my hands and my feet. It is I myself! Touch me and see; a ghost does not have flesh and bones, as you see I have."
- John 20:19 "On the evening of that first day of the week, the disciples were together, with the doors locked for fear of the Jewish leaders, Jesus came and stood among them and said, 'Peace be with you!'"







Day 1: Tencountering the Risen Jesus

Devotional: Recognizing Jesus Is the First Step

The Great Commission begins with an encounter. The disciples met the risen Christ on a mountain in Galilee. Their worship reflects faith, yet some doubted—a relatable human response when faced with the miraculous.

This moment reminds us that meeting Jesus changes everything. The resurrection is the foundation for our mission because it confirms Jesus' authority over death and life.

Like the disciples, we may wrestle with doubts. Yet the invitation stands—to come, to worship, and to be commissioned by the risen Lord himself. Our readiness to obey flows from this deep recognition.

Today, reflect on your own encounter with Jesus. How does His risen presence shape your view of life and purpose? Remember, the journey of disciple-making begins in the presence of Christ handled by grace, worship, and trust.







Day 1: <u> </u>Encountering the Risen Jesus

Reflect and Apply

1.	How has your encounter with the risen Jesus influenced your life?
2.	What doubts or fears do you need to bring honestly before Him?
3.	In what ways can worship deepen your commitment to His mission?







Day 1: <u> </u>Encountering the Risen Jesus

Journaling Prompts

Describe your personal experience or understanding of Jesus' resurrection.
Write about a time when doubt challenged your faith and how you responded.
List ways you can cultivate a heart of worship daily.







Day 1: Tencountering the Risen Jesus

Prayer for Today

Dear Jesus, thank You for rising from the dead and revealing Yourself to us. Help me to worship You sincerely, even when doubts come. Strengthen my faith to trust in Your presence and power. Prepare my heart to receive Your commission with joy and obedience. Lead me each day to walk closely with You and reflect Your love. *In Your powerful name I pray, Amen.* \bigwedge

















Your Verse

Matthew 28:19 – "Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit,"

Supporting Scriptures

- Mark 16:15 "Go into all the world and preach the gospel to all creation."
- Acts 1:8 "You will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth."







Devotional: Answering Jesus' Call to Action

Jesus' command is clear and urgent: Go.

To go means to be intentional and purposeful. But it also means to rely on God's empowering Spirit to witness boldly. Notice that going is not just physical movement, but a heart posture of readiness to engage and serve.

We are called to make disciples, not just converts. This involves teaching, nurturing, and baptizing—to help believers grow deeper in their faith. As you consider this call, ask yourself how you can actively participate in God's global mission, whether locally or beyond.







Reflect and Apply

1.	What does 'going' look like in your current context?
2.	How do you understand 'making disciples' in your life and community?
3.	In what ways can you depend more on the Holy Spirit's power to witness?







Journaling Prompts

1.	Identify specific areas or people where God might be calling you to 'go.'
2.	Reflect on what it means to be a disciple-maker in your daily walk.
3.	Write about any fears or barriers you feel about stepping out in obedience







Prayer for Today

Lord God, thank You for giving us a clear mission to go and make disciples. Help me overcome fear and hesitation to obey Your call. Fill me with the Holy Spirit's power so I can boldly share Your love and truth. Open doors and hearts where You want me to serve. May I be faithful in the role You've given me in Your kingdom work. *In Jesus' name, Amen.*

















Your Verse

Matthew 28:19 – "...baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit,"

Supporting Scriptures

- Romans 6:4 "We were therefore buried with him through baptism into death in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead... we too may live a new life."
- Colossians 2:12 "Having been buried with him in baptism, in which you were also raised with him through your faith in the working of God."







Devotional: Baptism as a Symbol of Transformation

Baptism symbolizes the profound change taking place in a believer's life.

When Jesus commands baptism, He's inviting us into the family of God and affirming our identity as His children. It's a public declaration of faith, obedience, and commitment to live as His disciple.

Consider how baptism marks not an endpoint, but the beginning of a transformative journey. Each time we remember this act, we are reminded to live out the new life Jesus has given us with courage, grace, and love.







Reflect and Apply

1.	What does your baptism mean to you personally?
2.	How can you live out your new identity in Christ daily?
	In what ways does recognizing the Trinity deepen your understanding of salvation?







Journaling Prompts

1.	Write your baptism story or reflect on your commitment to follow Christ.
	Describe how being 'raised to new life' affects your behavior and relationships.
3.	List ways you can remind yourself of your new identity in God regularly.







Prayer for Today

Heavenly Father, thank You for the gift of baptism and the new identity it gives me. Help me to live each day embracing who I am in You. Empower me through Your Spirit to walk faithfully in this new life and to reflect Your love to others. I praise You for being Father, Son, and Spirit, forever. *Amen.* \lozenge ??

















Your Verse

Matthew 28:20 - "...teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you."

Supporting Scriptures

- John 13:34 "A new command I give you: Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another."
- 2 Timothy 2:2 "And the things you have heard me say in the presence of many witnesses entrust to reliable people who will also be qualified to teach others."







Devotional: Growing Disciples Through Biblical Teaching

Making disciples involves more than conversion; it requires teaching and guiding others to obey Jesus' commands.

Jesus' example shows us that discipleship is about love, community, accountability, and obedience. Teaching is essential—helping believers understand who Jesus is and how to obey His will.

Paul's instructions to Timothy highlight the importance of passing on what we learn to others, ensuring the faith continues across generations. Reflect on how you can engage in teaching, mentoring, or simply living out God's commands as a witness to others.







Reflect and Apply

1.	How are you currently growing as a disciple of Jesus?
2.	Who are you discipling or mentoring in your faith journey?
	In what ways do you embrace Christ's command to love others sacrificially?







Journaling Prompts

1.	List key commands of Jesus you want to obey more fully.
2.	Identify people you can invest in as a spiritual mentor or disciple.
3.	Reflect on how teaching others strengthens your own faith.







Prayer for Today

Lord Jesus, thank You for teaching us how to live and love. Help me to learn Your commands deeply and obey them daily. May I be a faithful disciple who grows and helps others grow in faith. Give me boldness and wisdom to share Your truth lovingly. Fill my heart with Your grace as I teach and learn. *Amen.*











Day 5: <a>3 The Authority of Jesus









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Your Verse

Matthew 28:18 - "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me."

Supporting Scriptures

- Philippians 2:9–11 "Therefore God exalted him to the highest place and gave him the name that is above every name..."
- Ephesians 1:20–22 "He exerted when he raised Christ from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly realms..."







Day 5: <a> The Authority of Jesus

Devotional: Trusting Christ's Sovereign Power

Jesus' authority undergirds the Great Commission and our confidence to obey it.

This truth calls us to worship and surrender, recognizing Jesus as Lord over all. His sovereign power also prompts courage as we face challenges in mission and life.

Reflect on Jesus' exalted position, and anchor your faith in His unstoppable reign. As His disciples, we serve not by our strength alone but in the power of the One who conquered sin and death.







Day 5: <a> The Authority of Jesus

Reflect and Apply

1.	How does knowing Jesus has all authority affect your view of life's struggles?
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۷.	In what ways can you submit more fully to His lordship in your daily decisions?
3.	How can this truth inspire you to step out in faith for the Great Commission?







Day 5: <a> The Authority of Jesus

Journaling Prompts

1.	Write about times you have relied on Christ's authority in difficulty.
2.	Reflect on areas where you need to surrender control to Jesus.
3.	List aspects of Jesus' lordship that give you hope and courage.







Day 5: <a> The Authority of Jesus

Prayer for Today

Majestic Savior, You hold all authority in heaven and earth. I submit myself to Your lordship fully. Give me confidence to act courageously as You lead. Help me to trust Your power above all else and to proclaim Your name boldly. May Your reign be evident in every area of my life. *In Jesus' mighty name, Amen.*



















Day 6: C Empowered by the Holy Spirit

Your Verse

Acts 1:8 - "But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses..."

Supporting Scriptures

- John 14:26 "The Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you all things and will remind you of everything I have said to you."
- Romans 8:11 "And if the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead is living in you, he who raised Christ from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies because of his Spirit who lives in you."







Day 6: C Empowered by the Holy Spirit

Devotional: Living with Spirit-Given Power

The Great Commission is accomplished not by our strength but by the Holy Spirit's power.

Through the Spirit, the resurrection life of Jesus is made alive within us, enabling us to reflect His character and share His message authentically.

As you meditate today, invite the Spirit's filling anew. Ask for guidance, courage, and wisdom so you can be a vibrant witness of Jesus in every sphere of influence.







Day 6: 🎔 Empowered by the Holy Spirit

Reflect and Apply

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	n what ways do you rely too much on your own strength instead of the pirit?
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Day 6: 🎔 Empowered by the Holy Spirit

Journaling Prompts

1.	Recall moments when the Holy Spirit's guidance was clear to you.
2.	Write prayers inviting the Spirit to fill and empower you today.
3.	List practical steps to depend more fully on the Spirit's strength.







Day 6: 🂢 Empowered by the Holy Spirit

Prayer for Today

Holy Spirit, fill me afresh with Your power today. Teach me, guide me, and embolden me to fulfill Jesus' mission. Help me to rely not on my abilities but on Your strength and wisdom. May my life shine with Your presence and bear lasting fruit. *Come, empower me!* \(\text{P}\) \(\bigs\)

















Your Verse

Matthew 28:20 - "And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age."

Supporting Scriptures

- Hebrews 13:5 "Never will I leave you; never will I forsake you."
- Psalm 23:4 "Even though I walk through the darkest valley, I will fear no evil, for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me."







Devotional: Jesus' Presence as Our Sustaining Hope

The Great Commission concludes with a promise that meets our deepest needs: Jesus will be with us always. This assurance sustains us through every challenge and invitation to obedience.

Living the commission daily means embracing His presence in every circumstance. Whether in moments of joy or hardship, His nearness brings peace, courage, and hope.

As you close this study, reflect on how Jesus' constant companionship empowers you to keep going, disciple others, and shine His light boldly until the end of the age.







Reflect and Apply

	How does Jesus' promise to never leave you impact your confidence in nission?
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- 2. V -	What practical ways can you cultivate awareness of His presence daily?
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3. I	How does this assurance encourage you to persevere in disciple-making?
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Journaling Prompts

1.	Write about times you have felt Jesus' sustaining presence.
2.	List habits that help you stay connected to Jesus throughout your day.
	Reflect on how you can encourage others with the promise of Jesus' presence.







Prayer for Today

Jesus, thank You for Your promise to be with me always. In every step of this journey, help me sense Your presence guiding and comforting me. Give me strength to remain faithful in making disciples and living Your love. May Your nearness inspire hope and boldness within me today and always. *Amen.* ��









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