

# ***Foundations of Faith***

## **Lesson Six: 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?

### ***All Nations!***

***Read 1 Timothy 2:3-4.***

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.***

- Ask God for boldness and sign and wonders
- Pray for people that don't know Jesus
- Lead people to believe in Jesus
- Baptize those you lead to Jesus
- Train others to obey Jesus and to make disciples also
- Start a new life group
- Give money to support a missionary
- 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 meeting regularly with someone for accountability and further training in following Jesus.