

# What Makes the Great Commission Great?

Matthew 28:18-20

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## Sermon Summary

What makes the great commission great?

1. It starts with the finished work of Jesus Christ

*The authority to put the Gospel into circulation has been secured by the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ. That authority forms the foundation for all evangelism and all missions.*

*This authority guarantees certain results from proclaiming the Gospel. We have been entrusted with an unstoppable commission.*

2. It extends to the church

*The great commission is given to the apostles as they represent not only themselves, but the church.*

3. Christ provides a strategy

- a. PART 1: Planting Churches

- b. PART 2: Sending and supporting apostolic ministry

4. We can all participate

5. It comes with the promise of God's enduring promise

# TAKE IT HOME QUESTIONS

Questions for reflection/discussion:

1. How has Dave's message stirred your soul with respect to the Great Commission?
2. Dave talked about the parallel between the disciples propensity to doubt Jesus and our own. When it comes to reaching out to unbelievers with the Gospel, what doubts/fears do you face?
3. What difference should it make that Jesus has said that as we go, "I am with you always to the end of the age?"
4. Dave talked about the central role that the local church plays in the New Testament in fulfilling the Great Commission. How should that understanding encourage us with reference to participating in the local church?
5. What unbeliever(s) do you sense that God might be calling you to pray for and reach out in a more focused way as a result of Dave's message?