

SERMON NOTES: March 6, 2016
WHY BOTHER? BE ONE I MAKE ONE
“ALL IN”

THE GREAT COMMISSION
Matthew 28:18–20

18 Then Jesus came to them and said, “**ALL** authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. **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, **20** and teaching them to obey **EVERYTHING** I have commanded you. And surely I am with you **ALWAYS**, to the very end of the age.”

QUESTION: What is Jesus saying to his disciples in these words known as “*The Great Commission*”?

THE GREAT COMMISSION WAS NO _____

- [John 4: 9-35 > Samaritan Woman]
- [Matthew 8:5-13 > Centurion’s servant]

THE GREAT COMMISSION IS A _____
[Mk 16:15-16; Luke 24:46-49; Acts 1:8; Matthew 28:18-20; John 20:21-23]

- **ALL AUTHORITY**

Hebrews 2:6–9

⁶ But there is a place where someone has testified: “What is man that you are mindful of him, the son of man that you care for him? ⁷ You made him a little lower than the angels; you crowned him with glory and honor ⁸ and put everything under his feet.” **In putting everything under him, God left nothing that is not subject to him.** Yet at present we do not see everything subject to him. ⁹ But we see Jesus, who was made a little lower than the angels, now crowned with glory and honor because he suffered death, so that by the grace of God he might taste death for everyone.

Hebrews 2:14–15

¹⁴ Since the children have flesh and blood, he too shared in their humanity so that **by his death he might destroy him who holds the power of death—that is, the devil—¹⁵ and free those who all their lives were held in slavery by their fear of death.**

Revelation 5:1–5

¹ Then I saw in the right hand of him who sat on the throne a scroll with writing on both sides and sealed with seven seals. ² And I saw a mighty angel proclaiming in a loud voice, “Who is worthy to break the seals and open the scroll?” ³ But no one in heaven or on earth or under the earth could open the scroll or even look inside it. ⁴ I wept and wept because no one was found who was worthy to open the scroll or look inside. ⁵ Then one of the elders said to me, “Do not weep! See, the Lion of the tribe of Judah, the Root of David, has triumphed. He is able to open the scroll and its seven seals.”

- **ALL THE PEOPLES**

The main verb: make disciples. The participles- going, baptizing, teaching, explain how we are to “make disciples of all nations”. The Goal: Go, reach out to all the people

Revelation 5:9–10

⁹ And they sang a new song: “You are worthy to take the scroll and to open its seals, because you were slain, and with your blood you purchased men for God from every tribe and language and people and nation. ¹⁰ You have made them to be a kingdom and priests to serve our God, and they will reign on the earth.”

- **ALL THAT I COMMANDED**

Baptize them in the name of the Father, Son and the Holy Spirit; **Teach** them to obey

- **ALL THE DAYS**

The Great Commission CAN NOT BE ACCOMPLISHED BY ANY SINGLE EFFORT; it will require our collective effort.

The Great Commission, when embraced, will require Jesus’ power and presence, amply supplied by the indwelling of the Holy Spirit.

CONNECT GROUP DISCUSSION: March 6, 2016

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OPENING

READ THIS QUOTE AND ANSWER THE FOLLOWING QUESTIONS:

Loving God and our neighbors with devotion and service is not something which can ever be completed. Love is something that can only grow over time and must be pursued at all times. But the Great Commission is a global, historic achievement, a task to be completed. In spite of popular understanding, the Great Commission is not a command to do evangelism as often as one finds possible. It is a mandate entrusted to all of Christ's followers to accomplish a work that requires many generations of labor that at the end of history will be finished.¹

GOING DEEPER

- How do the Great Commandment and the Great Commission differ?
- Why is the Great Commission referred to as “a task to be completed”?
- Do you think this is a task that can be completed?
- The Great Commission “requires many generations of labor”. How will you personally embrace this work? What changes will this mean for you?

CHALLENGE:

Will you live your life based on these truths? Will you share these truths with others?

¹ Hawthorne, Steven (2014-08-28). Perspectives on the World Christian Movement: Reader and Study Guide - eBook (Kindle Locations 9534-9537). William Carey Library. Kindle Edition.