

In the Great Commission, Jesus boldly asserted, “All authority has been given to me in heaven and on earth. Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all things that I have commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age” Amen. (Matthew 28:18-20).

Is the Great Commission that important? John MacArthur claims, “This passage is the climax and major focus not only of the gospel but the entire New Testament.... In its broadest sense, it is the focal point of all Scripture.”¹ Since the Commission is so important, we must pray for God to help us fulfill our only mission.

But, how do you explain the Great Commission in simple terms? In essence, the mission is to “make disciples”, not church members, not Christians, but robust disciples.

But, how do you make disciples? You make disciples by connecting people to Christ, the local Church (baptizing them) and the mission of Jesus (teaching them). Thus, the reproductive/circular mission to make disciples who make disciples is our only mission (Matthew 28:18-20).

Stop and think for a minute. What is the single greatest thing I can do for people I love? If I love you, I will desire to connect you to Christ. If I love you, I will want you to be connected to the local church, and if I love you, I will want you to be connected to the mission of Jesus. That’s what it is all about (John 13:35).

As a believer, I exist to fulfill the Great Commission by connecting people to Christ, His Church, and His mission. I cannot achieve the Great Commission in my own strength. Jesus reminded His disciples, “For without me you can do nothing” (John 15:5). Prayer is the only way to fulfill the Great Commission. In fact, prayer is essential to producing fruit that remains, and eternal fruit glorifies God (John 15:7-8). Will you become a prayer warrior.

¹John MacArthur, Jr., Matthew 24-28 in The John MacArthur New Testament Commentary (Chicago, IL: Moody Press, 1989), 329.



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