

8/2/2020

## The Hills: Mystery Mountain

Matthew 28:16-20

### Back Story of Mystery Mountain

- Jesus is crucified in Jerusalem (Matthew 27:45-46; Mark 15:33-41; Luke 23:44-49; John 19:28-37)
- Jesus is resurrected and over the next 40 days appears...
  - to the women at tomb (Matthew 28:8-10; John 20:11-18)
  - to two men on the road to Emmaus (Luke 24:13-32)
  - to His Disciples - but Thomas not there (John 20:19-24)
  - to His Disciples, again, and this time Thomas is there... (Mark 16:14; John 20:26)
  - to a crowd of 500 people (I Corinthians 15:6)
- Disciples go to designated mountain in Galilee (70 + miles away)... Jesus gives Great Commission
- Disciples go back to Jerusalem...Jesus goes to heaven from Mount of Olives (in Jerusalem)...right before the Disciples eyes
- Disciples remain in Jerusalem until Pentecost and the outpouring of the Holy Spirit

### The Great Commission

*“Then the eleven disciples went to Galilee, **to the mountain** where Jesus had told them to go.” Matthew 28:16 (NLT)*

*“When they saw Him, they worshiped Him; but some doubted. Then Jesus came to them and said, ‘All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to Me. 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, and **teaching them to obey** everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age.’” Matthew 28:17-20 (NIV)*

### Two Questions

#### I. What is a Commission?

##### A dictionary definition

- an instruction, command, or duty given to a person or group of people.
- to commission someone - is the act of passing a responsibility to someone else

## What does commission mean in the Bible?

- The commission from Jesus has been interpreted to mean that His followers have the **duty** to go, make disciples, teach, and baptize.

### 3 Harvest Purposes

1. Go and make disciples...all nations  
**Evangelism/Missions:** "Found People Find People"
2. **Baptize** them...  
**Fellowship/Membership:** "You Can't Do Life Alone"
3. **Teach** them to obey Jesus  
**Discipleship/Maturity:** "Growing People Change"

## II. What is a Disciple?

- **Rabbi**... a respected teacher of God's laws. In Jesus' day, a Rabbi would often select the best students to learn and carry on his teachings and lifestyle.
- **Disciples**...These students were all in! They lived with the Rabbi, ate with him, traveled with him...they tried to soak in, not only his words, but also the way he acted. The Disciple was passionately committed to become like his Rabbi and to live out and pass along his way of teaching about God.
- **Disciple of Jesus** today – a person who **passionately loves, follows and imitates Jesus**.
- **Disciple** is **NOT** a deeper level of Christian or an advanced status
- If you are a Christian then you are supposed to be **in ministry**
- My (pastor's) assignment is **to equip you**. Your (disciple's) assignment is **to do ministry**

*"Their responsibility is to equip God's people to do His work..."Ephesians 4:12 (NLT)*

- You and I are commissioned to make other Disciples.

*"Just as our bodies have many parts and each part has a special function, so it is with Christ's body. We are all parts of His one body, and each of us has different work to do. And since we are all one body in Christ, we belong to each other, and each of us needs all the others." Romans 12:4-5 (NLT).*

*"Do not merely listen to the word, and so deceive yourselves. Do what it says."  
James 1:22 (NIV)*

*"You believe that there is one God. You do well. Even the demons believe—and tremble!...  
For as the body without the spirit is dead, so faith without works is dead also."  
James 2:19&26 (NKJV)*

- Imitation of Jesus requires **Action**.
- "May you be **covered with the dust of your Rabbi**."...may you be walking so close to the heels of your Rabbi that the dust he kicks up will fall on you.

# Lessons from Mystery Mountain – The Great Commission

## 1. Be a Disciple. Be a person who passionately loves, follows, and imitates Jesus.

- Let's be **Do-ers**...not just saying we believe but **showing we believe by our actions**, our good deeds. Good deeds don't save us (only trusting in Jesus saves us). Good deeds put our faith into action.
- Let's be **passionate** about loving and following Jesus. (Remember, **He loves you hotter than hot flowing lava.**)
- Stir up your faith and love

*“This is why I remind you to **fan into flames** the spiritual gift God gave you when I laid my hands on you.” 2 Timothy 1:6 (NLT)*

## 2. Make a Disciple.

- Passion is attractive

*“Light yourself on fire with passion and people will come from miles to watch you burn.”  
John Wesley*

- Be ready to share.

*“...If someone asks about your hope as a believer, always be ready to explain it.”  
1 Peter 3:15 (NLT)*

- Start where you are...family...friends...circles of influence.

## The Takeaway:

**Be a passionate Disciple of Jesus...and make passionate Disciples.**

Bible translations: NLT - New Living Translation, NKJV- New King James Version, NIV – New International Version