

Main Passage: Matthew 28:18-20; Romans 10:14-17; 2 Corinthians 5:20

Theological Theme

We are all called to go and teach people about Jesus.

Introduction

- ? How did you first hear about Jesus?
- Who do you know that doesn't have a relationship with Jesus yet?

1. The Great Commission Is a Command (Matthew 28:18-20)

This text is better known as the Great Commission. It wasn't just meant for the disciples who heard it the first time, and it isn't just meant for believers who are specially gifted for evangelism or called into missions today. The Great Commission is meant for all believers.

- What did Jesus say about Himself in these verses? Why does this matter?
- What did Jesus tell His disciples to do?
- Application: How does thinking about telling people about Jesus make you feel? Does it make you nervous? Is this something you already do regularly? How can you move forward in obedience in this area?

2. We Are Christ's Ambassadors (2 Corinthians 5:20)

When you think about an ambassador, what comes to mind? A diplomat, perhaps? A diplomat represents their country to others. They can speak, negotiate, and make suggestions on their country's behalf.

What does it mean to be an ambassador?

- What does it mean to be Jesus's ambassador?
- Application: What are some ways we live as Jesus's ambassadors daily?

3. Believing Comes from Hearing (Romans 10:14-17)

Just before this passage, Paul wrote that "everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved" (v. 13), then he presented a problem we still have today: How can someone call on the name of the Lord if they've never heard about Jesus? How can someone hear and understand the gift of salvation Jesus is offering if no one has ever shared the truth with him or her?

- What point did Paul make in these verses?
- Why should this give us a sense of confident urgency?
- Application: Who needs to hear the truth about Jesus around you? How can you tell them?

Conclusion

Acting as a witness for Jesus and living out the Great Commission can feel scary, but getting started doesn't have to be. Think about the way God has shown up in your life. All believers have experienced the Lord's grace, mercy, and goodness. How have you experienced His provision? How has He shown up in your life when you were walking in a dark valley and needing help? How has He comforted you when you mourned? How has He brought peace into your life when you were in a tense situation? How is your life better because He is in it? We all have stories we can share with others. Remember, we have the Holy Spirit dwelling within us to lead and empower us! We were made for this.

- What are some tools we can use to share the gospel with others? Why is it important to be open to the Holy Spirit's guidance and not stuck on one method or approach?
- Think about how God has worked in your life. What is your story? How can you share it with others?
- Name one person in your life who needs to hear the gospel. As a group, pray over the names given and ask that God would create an opportunity to share Jesus with them.