

INTRODUCTION

Pastor Joe shared on Sunday that when we read the Great Commission, many of us ask, “We HAVE to share our faith?” Oz Guinness said, “With repetition, the extraordinary becomes ordinary and the revolutionary becomes the routine.” Do we HAVE to share the Gospel? Is obedience to Christ’s commands in the Kingdom Commission tedious work? Or is there excitement and joy in getting to be a part of God’s Kingdom expansion plan?

SCRIPTURE

¹⁸Then Jesus came to them and said, “All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to Me. ¹⁹Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, ²⁰and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age.”
Matthew 28:18-20 (NIV)

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. Have you ever had the opportunity to go on mission trip? Share about that experience with your group.
2. Read Matthew 28:18-20. We are called to ‘make disciples of all nations’. What does this mean? How do you go about doing this?
3. Making disciples involves baptizing and teaching obedience. What do the following verses have to say about obeying God?

Joshua 22:5 _____
1 Samuel 15:22 _____
Luke 6:46 _____
John 14:23 _____
Philippians 2:8-9 _____
Hebrews 5:7-9 _____
James 1:22-25 _____

4. Does the Kingdom Commission limit us to one way (personal proclamation) of participating in reaching the lost? If not, what are other ways you can be a part of the Commission?

Study Questions for Community Groups

5. The Commission ends with the assurance of God's presence, something He promises many times in Scripture (Deuteronomy 31:6; Isaiah 41:10; Haggai 1:13; Matthew 18:20). Does this give you courage?

6. Jesus re-stated the Kingdom Commission in Acts 1:8. What key ingredient (hint-person) is included in Acts 1:8? How does that relate to question 5?

APPLICATION

Pastor Joe shared three stories of 'Divine Appointments' in the Bible: Jesus and the blind man (John 9), Philip and the Ethiopian eunuch (Acts 8:26-20), and Paul and Silas and the jailer (Acts 16:16-34). God is preparing other hearts to hear the Gospel, and you get to participate in that! Read through these passages this week, and ask God to give you a 'Divine Appointment' to speak with someone about Jesus.