

The Commands of Jesus: 10

Make Disciples

THE GREAT COMMISSION

Matthew 28:18-20 Then 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.” NIV

Mark 13:10 And the gospel must first be preached to all nations. NIV

Mark 16:15 He said to them, “Go into all the world and preach the good news to all creation.” NIV

Luke 24:46-47 He told them, “This is what is written: The Christ will suffer and rise from the dead on the third day, ⁴⁷and repentance and forgiveness of sins will be preached in his name to all nations, beginning at Jerusalem.” NIV

Acts 1:8 “But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.” NIV

OBSERVATIONS:

Big picture: Jesus wanted His message to spread, because it is the hope for all of mankind.

As Christians, we generally think this is a great idea.

This instruction is for all generations of disciples.

The context of the Great Commission elevates its importance.

THE SPECIFICS:

Most Christians have little to no desire to do any of these things.

Do you have any desire to do any of those?

PRACTICAL APPLICATION:

Pray.

Just sow it.

2 Corinthians 9:6 Remember this: Whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and whoever sows generously will also reap generously. NIV

Work with others to reach out together.

1 Corinthians 12:14-20 Now the body is not made up of one part but of many. ¹⁵ If the foot should say, "Because I am not a hand, I do not belong to the body," it would not for that reason cease to be part of the body. ¹⁶ And if the ear should say, "Because I am not an eye, I do not belong to the body," it would not for that reason cease to be part of the body. ¹⁷ If the whole body were an eye, where would the sense of hearing be? If the whole body were an ear, where would the sense of smell be? ¹⁸ But in fact God has arranged the parts in the body, every one of them, just as he wanted them to be. ¹⁹ If they were all one part, where would the body be? ²⁰ As it is, there are many parts, but one body.