

Compelled by Worship

Matthew 28:16-20

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Summary: Missionary John Henderson made the excellent point that the Great Commission does not start with going; it starts with worship. Recognizing that we are in the presence of His glory moves our hearts to worship the Lord Jesus Christ with reverence, and that is the engine which drives us in ministry. Are you one who is leaning in towards the Lord's work of making disciples?

1. A. Before the Great Commission was given by Jesus to His disciples, where were they going, and why?
Matthew 28:16

- B. What was the significance of the disciples meeting with Jesus in Galilee?
Matthew 16:21, 20:17-19, 26:31-32, 28:5-10, Acts 4:10-12, 17:30-31, Romans 6:6-12

- C. Notice in Matthew 28:16 that the disciples "*proceeded*" with hearts of obedience. What does the LORDSHIP of Jesus Christ mean to you?
Matthew 28:18, John 14:15

2. A. What was the first response of the disciples when they saw Jesus in Galilee?
Matthew 28:17a

- B. The *proceeding* of the disciples to Galilee was intentional, but their *worship* of Jesus was an outburst! Why were they stricken with worship in His presence?
John 8:56-58, 20:26-28

- C. Indeed, the Great Commission does not begin with going; it begins with worship. Notice that the disciples were responding in *obedience* before they were driven to *worship*. Is that not the case with all who follow Christ?
Psalms 119:37-38, 145:1-5, John 14:21, 16:13-14, II Corinthians 5:14-15

3. A. What was the other response for some of the disciples?
Matthew 28:17b

- B. Just what is it that moves people from doubt to faith?
Acts 16:13-14, Romans 10:17, Ephesians 2:1-5, I John 1:1-3, 5:11-13

- C. For most, the change from doubt to faith is a journey that takes processing time. How is God working patiently in your own life to build up your faith?
Romans 8:15-17, Philippians 2:12-13, Colossians 3:16, Hebrews 12:1-3

4. A. What precisely did Jesus command in Matthew 28:19-20?

B. The word for “*make disciples*” is an active imperative verb in the Greek. Discuss the importance of this and how it should impact our lives.

Matthew 4:19, Acts 1:8, 14:19-23, II Timothy 2:1-7

C. Are you one who is leaning in for the opportunities of making disciples, or are you one who sits back? How can we do better?

Romans 12:1-3, Revelation 2:4-5