

“One Job To Do”

Matthew 28:16 Then the eleven disciples left for Galilee, going to the mountain where Jesus had told them to go.

17 When they saw him, they worshiped him—but some of them doubted (distazo: waver, hesitate, uncertain)!

18 Jesus came and told his disciples, “I have been given all authority in heaven and on earth.

19 Therefore, go and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit.

20 Teach these new disciples to obey all the commands I have given you. And be sure of this: I am with you always, even to the end of the age.”

Theme: Every believer has been given a job: **telling the “good news”** of Jesus Christ and **Making Disciples**.

We are called / commanded to do many things but we have only one job.

Job Requirements:

1) Go, Tell: Ambassador

2 Corinthians 5:19 For God was in Christ, reconciling the world to himself, no longer counting people’s sins against them. And he gave us this wonderful message of reconciliation.

20 So we are Christ’s ambassadors; God is making his appeal through us. We speak for Christ when we plead, “Come back to God!”

21 for (because) God made Christ, who never sinned, to be the offering for our sin, so that we could be made right with God through Christ.

The Great Commission flows from Jesus’ Authority

Ambassadors....we speak for Him, we are empowered to act on His behalf.

2) Witness: Tell What You’ve Experienced

2 Timothy 4:5 But you should keep a clear mind in every situation. Don’t be afraid of suffering for the Lord. Work at telling others the Good News, and fully carry out the ministry God has given you.

3) Make Disciples

Why *Discipleship*? Because THAT is where changed lives take place.

Mark 16:14 Still later he appeared to the eleven disciples as they were eating together. He rebuked them for their stubborn unbelief because they refused to believe those who had seen him after he had been raised from the dead.

15 And then he told them, "Go into all the world and preach the Good News to everyone.

16 Anyone who believes and is baptized will be saved. But anyone who refuses to believe will be condemned.

17 These miraculous signs will accompany those who believe: They will cast out demons in my name, and they will speak in new languages.

18 They will be able to handle snakes with safety, and if they drink anything poisonous, it won't hurt them. They will be able to place their hands on the sick, and they will be healed."

19 When the Lord Jesus had finished talking with them, he was taken up into heaven and sat down in the place of honor at God's right hand.

20 **And the disciples went everywhere and preached,** and the Lord worked through them, confirming what they said by many miraculous signs.

Making disciples is the "what" and **baptizing and teaching** are the "how."

Enthusiastically:

1 Corinthians 15:58 So, my dear brothers and sisters, be strong and immovable. Always work enthusiastically for the Lord, for you know that nothing you do for the Lord is ever useless.

With God's Help:

Philippians 2:13 For God is working in you, giving you the desire and the power to do what pleases him.

Acts 1:8 But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes upon you. And you will be my witnesses, telling people about me everywhere...

"To every true Christian these two things may be said: You have need of Christ and Christ has need of you. The simple fact that a Christian is on earth and not in heaven, is proof that there is something for him here to do; and if he is not doing it, the neglect shows either that he is not yet a Christian or that he is a Christian who grieves Christ."

- William Arnot

1. Pray that God would give you a chance to witness for Christ this week.

2. Commit to speaking up when God **gives** you **the opportunity** you **prayed for**.