

THE GREAT GO-MISSION

...Go Follow

"19 ...go and make disciples of all nations, baptising them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, 20 and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you."

MATTHEW 28

**WE HAVE
BEEN GIVEN
A GREAT
COMMISSION
- IT STARTS
WITH GO!**

GO FOLLOW

- This instruction to 'go' comes at the end of Matthew's Gospel as his final mandate from the King
- This a mandate that Jesus not only made but one that He perfectly modelled
- Our GOing is an act of following Him

35 Jesus went
through all the
towns and
villages, teaching
in their
synagogues,
proclaiming the
good news of the
kingdom and
healing every
disease and
sickness.

MATTHEW 9

36 When he saw
the crowds, he
had compassion
on them,
because they
were harassed
and helpless,
like sheep
without a
shepherd.

MATTHEW 9

37 Then he said
to his disciples,
“The harvest is
plentiful but the
workers are few.
38 Ask the Lord
of the harvest,
therefore, to
send out
workers into his
harvest field.”

MATTHEW 9

MISSION MODELLED

- Jesus has been showing His followers what to follow in the lead up to this passage
 - Don't underestimate the model you give all around you every day
- Christ's Kingdom mission is illustrated and described here before the disciples are sent to 'Go follow'
- Going, Teaching, Preaching, Healing
 - (Compassion & Action)

JESUS WENT

JESUS TAUGHT

JESUS PREACHED

JESUS HEALED

**JESUS HAD
COMPASSION**

**WILL WE
FOLLOW?**

JESUS WENT

- The Kingdom of God is about action
- The harvest field is all around us and is more plentiful than we usually believe
- Jesus went to all the towns and villages - His is a message that cannot be contained or confined

JESUS TAUGHT

- Jesus went to the meeting places and brought them insight and imparting knowledge
- Many were amazed at His teaching
- Many were offended by His teaching
- We are called and enabled to teach and explain the godly wisdom, eternal life and kingdom truth

JESUS PREACHED

- Proclaiming the Good News of the Kingdom was His anointing
 - 'The Spirit of the Lord is upon me to proclaim...' (Isaiah 61)
- Preaching demands a response
 - it is not simply about imparting knowledge, it is inviting people to a call that requires a response
- We too are enabled and equipped by the same Spirit
 - You will receive power... (Acts 1:8)

JESUS HEALED

- ➔ As a demonstration of the Kingdom He was proclaiming and of His power and authority as the King
- ➔ We too are empowered and anointed to bring healing and deliverance
 - ➔ Matt 10:1, Acts, James 5:14
- ➔ Let us continue to pray for and believe for God to demonstrate His power in this way today
- ➔ Let us be those who bring healing in every kind of way

JESUS HAD COMPASSION

- As Jesus looked at the crowd He saw individuals harassed and in need of help - their greatest need being a shepherd
- The harvest field we live in is filled with people who need truth, leadership, love and care
- We can follow the model of the King and introduce them to the greatest Shepherd of all

“MISSION IS THE
PRACTICAL
DEMONSTRATION,
WHETHER BY
SPEECH OR BY
ACTION, OF THE
GLORIOUS
LORDSHIP OF
JESUS.”

ALAN HIRSCH
(THE FAITH OF LEAP, P164.)

**TO BE A CHRIST
FOLLOWER IS TO
BE A MISSIONARY
- WHETHER IT IS
TO OUR
NEIGHBOUR
ACROSS THE
GARDEN FENCE
OR TO AN
UNREACHED
PEOPLE ACROSS
THE PLANET**

RESPOND

→ Lord lead me and help me to follow You in sharing Your Kingdom every day in word and deed