

# The Great Commission

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## Jesus' Commission

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Before Jesus went to heaven, He commissioned His disciples to continue His mission — making disciples throughout the world. God's method of taking the Good News to the nations and making disciples is to partner with us in His Great Mission.

**Luke 19:10 (NIV)**

- (10) For the Son of Man came to seek and to save the lost."

## Send!

**Read Luke 10:2, Romans 10:14-17**

**Luke 10:2 (NIV)**

- (2) He told them, "The harvest is plentiful, but the workers are few. Ask the Lord of the harvest, therefore, to send out workers into his harvest field.

**Romans 10:14-17 (NIV)**

- (14) How, then, can they call on the one they have not believed in? And how can they believe in the one of whom they have not heard? And how can they hear without someone preaching to them?  
(15) And how can anyone preach unless they are sent? As it is written: "How beautiful are the feet of those who bring good news!"  
(16) But not all the Israelites accepted the good news. For Isaiah says, "Lord, who has believed our message?"  
(17) Consequently, faith comes from hearing the message, and the message is heard through the word about Christ.

Why is it important for people to be sent?

**Matthew 28:18-20, Mark 6:7**

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**Mark 6:7 (NIV)**

- (7) Calling the Twelve to him, he began to send them out two by two and gave them authority over impure spirits.

How were Jesus' disciples prepared and authorized before they were sent?

## Where?

**Luke 4:43 (NIV)**

- (43) But he said, "I must proclaim the good news of the kingdom of God to the other towns also, because that is why I was sent."

Where did Jesus take the Good News?

**Acts 1:8 (NIV)**

- (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."

How did Jesus empower His disciples to be sent? Where did He send them?

## Why?

**Luke 5:9-11 (NIV)**

- (9) For he and all his companions were astonished at the catch of fish they had taken,  
(10) and so were James and John, the sons of Zebedee, Simon's partners. Then Jesus said to Simon, "Don't be afraid; from now on you will fish for people."  
(11) So they pulled their boats up on shore, left everything and followed him.

What was Jesus' purpose in calling the disciples?

## How?

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How does Jesus instruct us to make disciples?

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What did Jesus promise His disciples?

## Ask a Friend

What things can distract us from fulfilling God's Great Commission?

## Application

How can you respond to Jesus' commission? And how could you make it part of your life style?

## Prayer

Lord, please help me tell people the Good News about what You have done for me. Help me to be confident in making disciples of people from all nations, but especially where I live.

## Key Verse

**Matthew 28:19-20 NLT**

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