

III. WE HAVE A DIVINE **MISSION** (28:19b)

“...and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit,”
Matthew 28:19b

- A. The mission is not to just produce decisions for Christ, but **disciples** for Christ.
- B. This mission requires us to do **both** evangelism and discipleship.

IV. WE HAVE A DIVINE **MENTOR** (28:20b)

“...and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age.” Amen.”
Matthew 28:20b

Jesus gives us the resources to do the Great Commission.

- A. We are promised His **power**.
“But you shall receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall be witnesses to Me in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth.”
Acts 1:8
- B. We are promised His **presence**.
“So we may boldly say: “The LORD is my helper; I will not fear. What can man do to me?”
Hebrews 13:6

TAKING THE NAME TO THE NATIONS

There is salvation only in the name of Jesus! He alone has the power to save. He alone is our hope of overcoming sin and death.

He alone is the way to heaven and not hell. We have been commanded by God to take the name of Jesus to all nations.

We are to start locally and expand globally.

“and that repentance and remission of sins should be preached in His name to all nations, beginning at Jerusalem.” Luke 24:47

We must make His last command our first priority!

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Discipling The Nations

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INTRODUCTION

A. What is our Global Missions Focus?

Mission: Making sure that everyone in the world hears the Gospel of Jesus Christ correctly and planting New Testament churches among those who believe.

“23 So when they had appointed elders in every church, and prayed with fasting, they commended them to the Lord in whom they had believed.

24 And after they had passed through Pisidia, they came to Pamphylia.

25 Now when they had preached the word in Perga, they went down to Attalia.

26 From there they sailed to Antioch, where they had been commended to the grace of God for the work which they had completed.

27 Now when they had come and gathered the church together, they reported all that God had done with them, and that He had opened the door of faith to the Gentiles.”
Acts 14:23-27

B. The theme of our 2019 Global Missions Focus is “TAKING THE NAME TO THE NATIONS”.

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Luke 24:47

C. In TAKING THE NAME TO THE NATIONS, we will be challenged to go take the name of Jesus to all nations. This six part series features the following messages:

July 7	Preaching To The Nations
July 14	Sending Missionaries To The Nations
July 21	Praying For The Nations
July 28	Serving The Nations
TODAY	Discipling The Nations
Aug 11	Loving The Nations

D. Text: Matthew 28:18-20 (Pew Bible/Page 965/New Test.)

DISCIPLING THE NATIONS

This passage has been referred to as the “Great Commission”.

It has two components:

- **Evangelism** - Sharing the Gospel with someone & pointing them to Jesus.
- **Discipleship** - Investing your life in someone & teaching them how to live the Gospel.

I. WE HAVE A DIVINE **MANDATE** (28:19a)

“Go therefore...”

Matthew 28:19a

- A. The mandate of the “Great Commission” is to **go**.

This literally means “As you go”.

“... “*These who have turned the world upside down have come here too.*” Acts 17:6b

Our witness involves two things:

- Our witness involves our **walk**.
- Our witness involves our **words**.

- B. We are to go with **confidence** to every person with the Gospel.

“*For I am not ashamed of the Gospel of Christ, for it is the power of God unto salvation to everyone that believeth.*” Romans 1:16

“*Go ye into all the world, and preach the Gospel to every creature.*” Mark 16:15

II. WE HAVE A DIVINE **MESSAGE** (28:20a)

“*teaching them to observe all things that I have commanded you:...*” Matthew 28:20a

- A. Our message is a **simple** message: Jesus came to give us salvation.

“*for the Son of Man has come to seek and to save that which was lost.*” Luke 19:10

“*We preach Christ crucified....*” I Corinthians 1:23a

- B. The Gospel of Christ is a life **changing** message!

“*Therefore if any man be in Christ he is a new creature.*” II Corinthians 5:17

- Message of **life** to the dead.
- Message of **hope** to the hurting.
- Message of **peace** to the tormented.
- Message of **joy** to the saddened.
- Message of **forgiveness** to the sinner.
- Message of **victory** for the believer.