

# Matthew 28:15-20

## *Keep The Main Thing The Main Thing*

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Intro -

*“All authority has been given to Me in heaven and on earth. Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all things that I've commanded you, and lo, I'm with you always, even to the end of the age.”*

### 1. God's Power

Matthew 28:16 - Then the *eleven* disciples went away into Galilee, to *the mountain* which Jesus had appointed for them.

v. 17- When they saw Him, they worshiped Him; but some doubted. And Jesus came and spoke to them, saying, “All authority has been given to Me in heaven and on earth.

Matthew 4:8-9 - The devil took Jesus to a very high mountain and showed Him all the kingdoms of the world and their glory. And said, “All this *I'll give You*, if You'll fall down and worship me.”

Acts 1:8 - "You shall *receive power* when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall be witnesses to Me."

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### 2. God's Purpose

vs. 19 & 20 - Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, <sup>20</sup> teaching them to observe all things that I've commanded you.

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Ephesians 2:3 - We... were by *nature* children of wrath.

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### 3. God's Plan

#### #1 - Go

Matthew 22:2-10 - “The kingdom of heaven is like a certain king who arranged a marriage for his son, and sent out his servants to call those who were invited to the wedding; and they weren't willing to come. Again, he sent out other servants, saying, ‘Tell those who are invited, “See, I've prepared my dinner; my oxen and fatted cattle are killed, and all things are ready. Come to the wedding.”’ But they made light of it and went their ways, one to his own farm, another to his business. And the rest seized his servants, treated them spitefully, and killed them. But when the king heard about it, he was furious. And sent out his armies, destroyed those murderers, and burned up their city. Then he said to his servants, ‘The wedding is ready, but those who were invited weren't worthy. Therefore *go* into the highways, and *as many as you find*, invite to the wedding.’ So those servants went out into the highways and gathered together all whom they found, *both bad and good*. And the wedding hall was *filled* with guests.

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#### **#2 - Baptize**

**Acts 2:38** - Repent and be baptized for the forgiveness of sins.

**Mark 16:15-16** - Jesus said to them, "Go into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature. He who believes and is baptized...He who does not believe will be condemned.

**John 6:47** - "Whoever believes in Me has eternal life."

We're called to be witnesses.

A witness simply tells what they've seen, what they know and what they've experienced.

That's how you witness.

Last week God gave me the opportunity to share the gospel--so I shared my testimony.

The person I spoke to talked about how they had turned their life around and how that would get them to heaven. So I said...

- **I used to believe that, but one day I heard something that changed my life**
- **"All have sinned and come short of the glory of God."**
- **I was a sinner...**
- **"God is of purer eyes than to behold iniquity."**
- **My sin separated me from God...**
- **But God loved me so much...**
- **All I had to do was receive the gift God offered me.**

When you share your testimony--don't stop there.

Encourage them to respond.

I asked him:

- ***What do you think about that?***
- ***Have you ever done that?***

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**Jesus said, "Make disciples of all nations."**

Jim Callahan's devotional this week answers that question perfectly.

*Paul's faith was pushed to the limits. He credits the prayers of the Corinthian church for his deliverance from death. Paul experienced the power of a loving church praying for him. We may wonder if our feeble prayers for missionaries far away make any real difference. Paul felt and saw the difference.*

*So did Joanne and I. We had over 100 committed prayer partners praying daily specific prayer requests for the teens in our dorm in the Philippines. We saw God do such a deep spiritual work in their lives, the other dorm parents at Faith Academy openly marveled at their zeal.*

*Most of our teens came to a 5:30am prayer meeting before school. Many of them gave up their Sunday afternoons to visit at a leprosy colony and Saturday mornings to run an AWANA club. I know God used those committed prayer partners to impact not just the teens' lives but the adults and children they ministered to.*

*God has purposed to use our prayers to partner with missionaries, their families and their ministries.*

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### **#3 - Teach**

**v. 20** - ...teaching them to observe all things that I've commanded you;

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**4. God's Presence**

**James 4:14** - Your life is a mist that appears for a little while and then vanishes.

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