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Title: The Great Commission: Making Followers of the King - going, baptizing, teaching
Passage: Matthew 28: 16-20
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Summary:
I. The Background.(v.16-17)
II. The Announcement (v.18)
III. The Instruction (v.19-20)
IV. The Promise (v.20)
Key Truths:

- There is a King and His Way is the best.
- God is the universal King ruling over all things.
- Christianity is people living in light of His majesty. Either you are walking in obedience under His ways or you are denying Him by the way you live.
- The truth of God's kingship should be dominating our lives and influence all our decisions.
- We have a mission that God has called us to. We are called to make disciples to follow the majesty of King Jesus.
- We are to go out into the world. Love people in their sin. Call them to God's good way. God's way brings joy.

Possible Discussion Questions:

- What point(s) in the sermon did the Lord most impress upon you?
- Is God the center of your worldview? How do you recognize every decision you make is either doing it for yourself or you are doing it because you are serving unto God
- How can you be more mindful of the supremacy and kingship of Jesus in your life?
- How are you doing in making disciples of our King Jesus Christ?
- What's a takeaway from the sermon you can apply to your life?
- What next steps will you take in response to the truths you have heard or seen?

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Introduction

The importance of God's Word

Psalms 1:1-3

Blessed is the man who walks not in the counsel of the wicked, nor stands in the way of sinners, nor sits in the seat of scoffers; but his delight is in the law of the LORD, and on his law he meditates day and night. He is like a tree planted by streams of water that yields its fruit in its season, and its leaf does not wither. In all that he does, he prospers.

Who is a disciple?

Luke 9:23

And he said to all, “If anyone would come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross daily and follow me.

- The Gospel is salvation given by grace through faith in the Lord Jesus Christ and results in a transformed life.

Books of Impact:

- "Faith Works: The Gospel According to the Apostles" By John MacArthur
- "Future Grace" by John Piper
    - Be faithful today and trust God for tomorrow.

Key Point:

There is a King and His Way is the best

Cultural context of today

- The world has lost its moral compass

What are we to do?

- We have a mission that God has called us to.

Passage:

Matthew 28:16-20

Now the eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain to which Jesus had directed them. And when they saw him they worshiped him, but some doubted. And Jesus came and said to them, “All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to ';l7u. me. Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age.”

EXPOSITION
Making Followers of the King - going, baptizing, teaching

I. The Background.(v.16-17)
Matthew 28:16-17
Now the eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain to which Jesus had directed them. And when they saw him they worshiped him, but some doubted.

- Jesus appeared and people were following. They understood in their mind that He was the Messiah, bringing about a new kingdom.
    - But they were thinking a new earthly kingdom.
- After Jesus' resurrection, the disciples believed in Jesus but they were not sure what to expect as what was happening was contrary to their earthly expectations.

II. The Announcement (v.18)
Matthew 28:18
And Jesus came and said to them, “All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me.

All authority

- Meaning = Jesus has all right to rule and has the right to have control over all.
- Contrast: People thought Jesus would be only a new king over Israel.
    - Truth: Jesus is the risen King over all (heaven and earth).

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Philippians 2:9-11

Therefore God has highly exalted him and bestowed on him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

Acts 16:31
And they said, "Believe in the Lord Jesus, and you will be saved, you and your household."

- We are to believe in Jesus as Lord.

1 Corinthians 15:24-28
Then comes the end, when he delivers the kingdom to God the Father after destroying every rule and every authority and power. For he must reign until he has put all his enemies under his feet. The last enemy to be destroyed is death. For "God has put all things in subjection under his feet." But when it says, "all things are put in subjection," it is plain that he is excepted who put all things in subjection under him. When all things are subjected to him, then the Son himself will also be subjected to him who put all things in subjection under him, that God may be all in all.

- God is the universal King ruling over all things.
- Christianity is people living in light of His majesty.
    - Either you are walking in obedience under His ways or you are denying Him by the way you live.
- The truth of God's kingship should be dominating our lives and influence all our decisions.
- Question: Is God the center of your worldview? Do you recognize every decision you make is either doing it for yourself or you are doing it because you are serving unto God, mindful of His supremacy and kingship?
    - When we pray, we bow our heads and close our eyes - why? Because we bow before the King.

III. The Instruction (v.19-20)
Matthew 28:19-20a

Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you.

Go therefore and make disciples

- What we are to do.
- Contrast: we do not sit in church and wait for people to come to us.
    - Truth: we are to go out into the world.
        - Love people in their sin.
        - Call them to God's good way.
        - God's way brings joy.

of all nations

- Where we are to go.

teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you.

- Message: There is a King and His way is best.
    - King Jesus is to be feared and followed.
    - When we don't follow Jesus, there is brokenness. (Ex: many people live for themselves and abandon children)
    - But when people follow Jesus, there is joy. (Ex: people get married and people love their spouses and their children).
        - The Gospel restores joy in people.

Where to start? How are we to "go"?

- Start at home: teach the younger generation.
    - There is a King and His way is the best.
- Go out into the community and engage with others. Call them to

Baptizing

- have them to die to themselves and live for Christ.

Teaching

- Teach them to follow the King (not just to know Him.)

Question:
How are you doing in making disciples of Jesus Christ?

- We are called to represent God in this world.

As fathers, how are you doing in bringing your family under the kingship of God?
As mothers, how are you doing in getting your littles ones to follow the King Jesus?

- Commission: we are called to make disciples to follow the majesty of King Jesus.

IV. The Promise (v.20)
Matthew 28:20b
And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age.

- Making disciples is very hard. There are trials.
    - But Jesus Himself will be with you always.
        - He will help you.