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WHAT IS THE GREAT COMMISSION?

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The Great Commission is not the Great Opportunity or the Great Option. This is our Great Commission, our obligation. God is a Missionary God. He is a sent God, as we've seen, and He is also a sending God. He was sent to save, we have been saved to be sent.

**Missions is not something God invites us into.
Rather, it is what He saves us into.**

- Michael Oh

Matthew 9.32 // 2 Timothy 2.2

THE COMFORT OF JESUS' AUTHORITY AND POWER

What gives us confidence to go? When Jesus says, "therefore, go," and the use of "therefore" means we can place the word "because" at the beginning of the sentence here. *Because* Jesus has all authority, we can now therefore go by His sending power!

When Jesus says, "I have all authority," He is letting us know that He is no longer the rejected Man acquainted with sorrows. He is the glorious King who has conquered. And because of this, we can with confidence "go" into all the earth to see people saved and disciple by the power of this risen King.

**Give God glorious thanks that you were born among the reached.
But give God glorious sacrifice by living for the unreached.**

CRUISE LINER OR BATTLESHIP?

During WWII, the Queen Mary, a luxury liner, was altered and retrofitted to be a vessel that carried troops and supplies to Europe. Even the fastest German U-Boats couldn't catch up with the Queen Mary.

What are you outfitting your life for? A cruise, or a battle? Let the time that you only pursued comfort and self be no more.

**Jesus does not call the equipped, He equips the called.
And He has said, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me,
even so I am sending you." (John 20.21)**

We need to make disciples, transform homes, plant churches, and send out missionaries to bring the Good News of God's love, forgiveness, and grace to a lost and dying world.

NOTES:

Will You Pray With Us?

Follow along with our daily prayer requests by downloading the **PrayerMate App**, available on both **iOS** and **Android** phones. Go to our website for detailed instructions on how to subscribe to the app to be praying with us daily, as well as reading through our **2 Year Bible Reading Plan**.

ARE YOU NEW HERE?

WELCOME TO LIFE MISSION CHURCH!

We'd LOVE for you to fill out the green **Connection Card** on your seat to let us know you were here today. You can drop it in the offering at the end of service or take it to one of our teammates in a **Green Shirt** at the **Connection Booth** outside - we'd love to give you some welcome information. Feel free to grab some food or coffee out in the courtyard and hang out. We hope you'll **join us next Sunday** and consider making us your church family.

SERVING OPPORTUNITIES

If you've ever taken your child to one of our **Kids on Mission** classes, or enjoyed a cup of coffee after service, chances are there was a faithful servant behind each of those examples. Serving is one of the **most fun & rewarding ways we experience community** with our church family! **Fill out a connection card** to learn about the serving opportunities available today.

COMMUNITY GROUPS

The best way to **get connected** in the church is by joining one of our **Community Groups!** You'll forge friendships, be encouraged, and take the sermon deeper into your heart every week. **Sign up for a Group** on a **Connection Card** or visit the **Connection Booth**. You won't regret it!

GIVING

Gospel-centered generosity is motivated by a heart of thankfulness because of the sacrificial love God has already shown us. If you call **Life Mission** your home, you can place your gift in the offering baskets at the end of service, give online at lifemissionchurch.com/blog/give or mail a check to our PO Box. Thank you so much!

KIDS ON MISSION

Our **Kids on Mission** ministry has classes for **newborns - 5th grade**. Visit our website to read more about the vision and plan we have for our kids, including Pastor Jobey's heart for the ministry and his walkthrough of our curriculum. For questions about KOM email **Katie McGinty** at katie@lifemission.tv

JUNIOR HIGH STUDENTS

Our **6th - 8th graders** worship with the adults and then head to the junior high room with their teacher and classmates for the rest of service.

HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS

Our **9th - 12th graders** stay in the service because we believe that it is critical for them to not "graduate the faith" when they graduate school. Our **High School Ministry meets on Thursday Nights @7PM at Casey & Amy Barnes Home in San Marcos**. For directions and/or questions about our student ministries, contact **Casey Barnes** at casey@lifemission.tv.

VISION: WHY DO WE EXIST?

We want to see God's glory known among the nations, to the least, last, and lost.

MISSION: WHAT DO WE NEED TO DO?

We need to make disciples who make disciples locally and globally, who are saved, equipped, and sent by the Gospel.

STRATEGY: HOW WILL WE DO IT?

By teaching people how to be rooted in the Gospel of God's glory through the Word of God, Prayer, and Gospel Community.

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COMMUNITY GROUP HOMEWORK

Read through **Matthew 28:16-20**. What impacted you the most from these verses or the message on Sunday? _____

Read **Matthew 9:37-38**. What role does prayer have in our lives as we go out into the harvest? _____

Jobey defined the comfort we have in Christ's authority and power and how the sovereignty of God gives us the strength to pick up our cross and go out as sheep among wolves. How does the sovereignty of God give us strength and comfort in fulfilling the Great Commission? _____

Last week, we looked at the death and resurrection of Christ and how He not only bore the wrath for our sin but He also has credited His righteousness to us. Christ reconciled us back to the Father and because of His work, He has the authority and power to say "And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age" **Matthew 28:20**. In knowing and believing that Christ's work has made it possible for the Holy Spirit to live within us, how does this affect the way we proclaim the Good News? _____

Read **2 Corinthians 5:18-20**. Knowing that we have been entrusted with the message of reconciliation, what does it mean to be an ambassador for Christ? Do you feel you are fulfilling this role well? If not, what sorts of things paralyze you and prevent you from sharing the Gospel in your daily life? _____

Read Paul's words in **1 Corinthians 2:1-5**. Can you relate to any of the inadequacies Paul mentions to the people of Corinth? Now read **2 Corinthians 3:4-6**. How are we equipped in our weaknesses to be ministers of the new covenant? _____

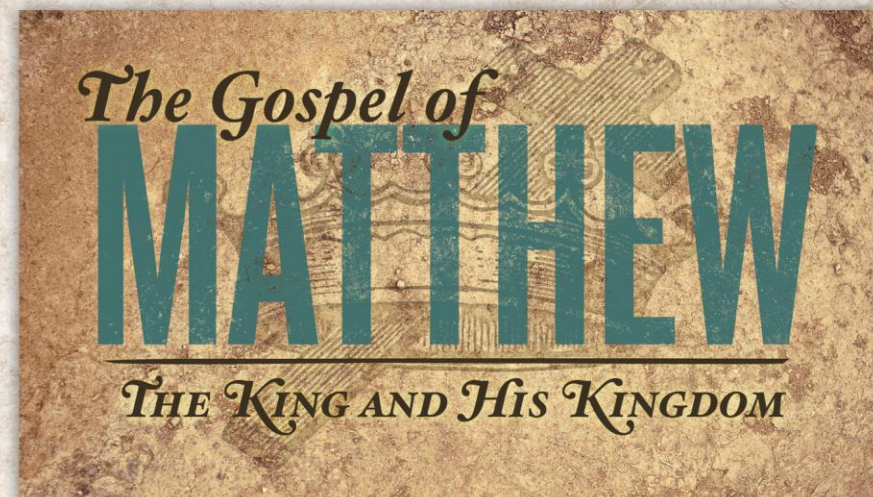
End group reflecting on how the Holy Spirit lives within you and how God is your sufficiency and strength as you seek to fulfill the Great Commission. Pray together thanking God that He has reconciled you to Himself and has made you an ambassador for Christ and given you the strength to make His glory known among the nations.



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Making Disciples Who Make Disciples Locally and Globally,
Who are Saved, Equipped, and Sent by the Gospel.



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SUNDAYS AT 10AM

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