

Missions:

Responding to the local call



How do we reconcile the mandate of the “Great Commission” and Christianity’s current cultural view that “missions” are separate from everyday Christian living?

Is the Great Commission for Missionaries or every Christian?

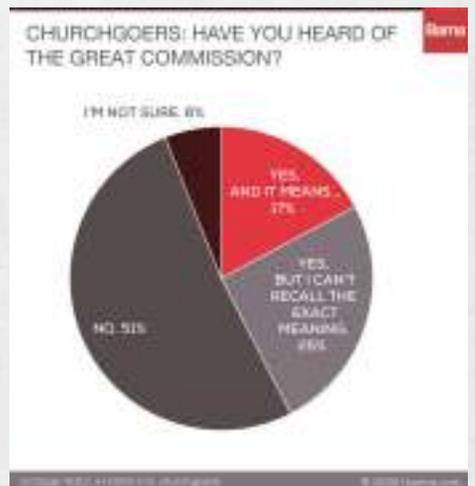


What is the Great Commission?

What actually is a “Missionary?”

What does this mean for us?

What is the Great **Commission**?



Matthew 28:16-20

Then the eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain where Jesus had told them to go. When they saw him, they worshiped him; but some doubted. Then Jesus came to them and said, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Therefore, go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely, I am with you always, to the very end of the age." – NIV

Declaration

All authority in Heaven and Earth has been given to me.

Command

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All authority in Heaven and Earth has been given to me.

Go into all nations and make disciples, teaching them all that I have taught you!

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All authority in Heaven and Earth has been given to me.

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Promise

I am with you always, to the very end of the age.

Declaration

I am your God

Command

This is what you will do

Promise

This is how I will bless you

What is a
Missionary?



What is a
Missionary?

"Someone who goes to far-off places,
to spread the Word of God."

"Someone who is on part of a
mission?"

"Someone sponsored by the church to
go do God stuff?"

"Anyone who has dedicated their life to
serving God."

"Someone with a
Gospel-centred project."

"A MISSIONARY IS SOMEONE WHO CROSSES
CULTURAL BARRIERS. SOMEONE WHO,
THROUGH ACTION AND WORD, SHARES THE
GOOD NEWS OF JESUS WITH OTHERS."

- Brittany's friend Christa

What does the
Commission mean for us
today?



Go!

Mark 5:18-20 (NIV)

As Jesus was getting into the boat, the man who had been demon-possessed begged to go with him. Jesus did not let him, but said, “**Go** home to your own people **and tell them how much the Lord has done** for you, and how he has had mercy on you.” So the man went away and began to tell in the Decapolis how much Jesus had done for him. And all the people were amazed.

