

**Introduction:**

- A. Evangelism is important because Jesus told us to do it.
- B. Evangelism is important because it has to do with the salvation of souls.
- C. In **Mathew 28:18-20**, we find what many have called: the "great Commission". However, many think that it should be called: the "great suggestion".
- D. Many consider the great commission to be something optional, and that is not the case.

I. Go, Therefore!

- A. We have a green light! Who is to go?
- B. To whom is Jesus talking to? (**The disciples**). Are we also _____ in this commandment or not?
- C. Many are saying that the great commission was only for the apostles, and that for that reason, we don't have to go out!
- D. If that reasoning is correct, then many things that Jesus talked to the apostles about, do not apply to us.
- E. Examples:
 1. **John 14:1-3**... For sure _____ is not for us, because he was talking to the 12.
 2. **John 16**... The Holy Spirit is not with us, because He was talking to the 12.
 3. **Mark 16:16**... Baptism is not for us, because he was talking to the 12.
- F. We need to be careful when trying to qualify certain things in the Bible.
- G. Churches at the beginning didn't consider the great commission to be something _____ (only for the Apostles).
 1. Church in Thessalonica:
 - a) **1 Thessalonians 1:8**- For from you the word of the Lord has sounded forth, not only in Macedonia and Achaia, but also in every place. Your faith toward God has gone out, so that we do not need to say anything.
 2. The church in Rome.
 - a) **Romans 1:8**- First, I thank my God through Jesus Christ for you all, that your faith is spoken of throughout the whole world.
 3. The _____ church at the beginning.
 - a) **Acts 8:4**- Therefore those who were scattered went everywhere preaching the word.
- H. Many understood the "Go Therefore" of Matthew 28:18 very well. Sadly today, many do not understand it.

II. And Make Disciples.

- A. The aim of preaching is to _____ others. Heaven is for all, and the gospel is for all. We must tell others about the good news of Jesus.
- B. We need to invite others like Phillip did to Nathanael.
 1. **John 1:45**- Phillip found Nathanael and said to him, "We have found Him of whom Moses in the law, and also the prophets, wrote Jesus of Nazareth, the son of Joseph."
- C. To the disciples, Jesus said in John 4:
 1. **John 4:35**... Do you not say, "There are still four months and then comes the harvest"? Behold, I say to you, lift up your eyes and look at the fields, for they are already white for harvest!
- D. To Zacchaeus, Jesus said in Luke 19:

1. **Luke 19:5** And when Jesus came to the place, He looked up and saw him, and said to him, "Zacchaeus, make haste and come down, for today I must stay at your house."
 2. **Matthew 9:12** When Jesus heard that, He said to them, "Those who are well have no need of a physician, but those who are sick.
- E. Peter was doing the same in Acts chapter 2
1. **Acts 2:37**... 37 Now when they heard this, they were cut to the heart, and said to Peter and the rest of the apostles, "Men and brethren, what shall we do?"
 2. **1 Timothy 2:2**... And the things that you have heard from me among many witnesses, commit these to faithful men who will be able to teach others also.

III. OF ALL NATIONS!

- A. **Remember something: THE _____ IS FOR ALL.**
- B. Don't be selective, don't pick and choose, and don't make partiality. Every person that breathes has the image of God in Him, and we all need to understand that!
- C. The creation account states that men are created in the image of God.
 1. **Genesis 1:26-27**...
- D. Jesus taught that the soul of man is beyond _____.
 1. **Mark 8:36-37**
- E. **Every human being has an _____ soul.**
 1. All humans are made in the image of God, so it is awesome to be human.
 2. We must love to _____ to all, because their souls go on forever and ever and ever.
- F. All nations doesn't mean that we need to pack our luggage and move away. All nations in our day and age means your co-worker, your next door neighbor, your class mate, your teammate, etc... They can be from any nation under heaven.
- G. When peter was preaching in Acts 2, he did not make partiality, but was _____ the gospel to all.
 1. **Acts 2:5**...
 2. **Acts 10:34**
 3. **Acts 8:27**
 4. **Romans 15:28**
 5. **James 2:1**
 6. **James 2:9**
 7. **James 3:17**
- H. These verses are important because we have a big _____ today in the church of the Lord.
 1. Remember what Paul told the people in Athens: Acts 17:26.

Conclusion:

- A. We are going canvassing every month, and will try to cover as much as we can.
- B. **A responsibility is set upon us and we must obey the commandments.**
- C. Being a Christian does not mean to just come and sit on the pew and go home.
- D. Remember what Daniel says in Daniel 12:3.
- E. **Remember, Matthew 28:18-20 is the Great Commission, not the _____!**

MY NOTES: