



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

MATTHEW 28:19



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## Peter's Mission The Great Commission



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## KNOW WHAT:

- This week we are starting a new series learning about Peter and the things he did after Jesus rose from the dead. Our first story is about 'The Great Commission.'
- After Jesus' resurrection he appeared to his friends several times over 40 days. One of the last things he said to the disciples was to give them instructions on what they should do once he was gone.
- Jesus told his friends that they needed to go out and tell everyone what had happened. He said that they should help others to become friends of God and baptise them.
- Finally, Jesus promised that he would always be with us, a promise he fulfilled by sending the Holy Spirit.

## SO WHAT:

- We are called to obey Jesus, just like the disciples were and to tell people about him.
- We don't need to be afraid, we aren't on our own, Jesus is with us by the Holy Spirit.

## NOW WHAT:

- Let us ask God for his Holy Spirit to live in us.
- Let us think about someone we can tell about Jesus and ask for courage to tell them.

## LUKE'S LETTERS:

The Great Commission is one of the most challenging parts of the Bible for a lot of Christians. It doesn't have difficult concepts that are hard to reconcile with contemporary science. It isn't complicated to understand. Frankly it's just scary.

The idea of 'Go and tell' freaks most of us out. It conjures images of pushiness or preachiness that make us uncomfortable. We start thinking of megaphones and placards.

Actually that's not the case. The instruction isn't to 'Go and tell about God', it's to 'go and make disciples'. It's not shouting at strangers but introducing people to a new friend. It's still scary, but a different kind of scary. It's a vulnerability that isn't normal in our culture and it requires a confidence in your own relationship with God.

The starting point of that sharing isn't then about rushing into the situation like a bull in a china shop. There isn't a one size fits all message to put on a poster. The key is to know God and to know the people that you're talking to. Only then can you share the message properly.

As a church we should be encouraging each other in our faith and in that sharing. If you want to know more about God and explore faith with someone then talk to me or Jim and we can arrange courses, groups or just meeting up to suit you.