

**GREAT COMMISSION SUNDAY**  
**“The Great Commission is Our Mission”**  
**Matthew 28:16-20**

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Why does the church exist? What is its purpose? Today’s teaching, known as the Great Commission, is one of the most important passages that informs us about the mission of the church. Each believer should embrace this mission and make it their own. Today’s message will show us how we can do that.

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**#1. THE GREAT COMMISSION BEGINS WITH \_\_\_\_\_ THE LORD, vv. 16-17**

- A. The disciples met Jesus at the mountain
- B. They worshiped him
- C. The disciples weren’t perfected in faith

**#2. THE GREAT COMMISSION IS ROOTED IN JESUS’ \_\_\_\_\_, v. 18**

- A. The extent of Jesus authority – all authority
- B. The realm of Jesus’ authority – heaven and earth
- C. The delegation of Jesus authority – to the disciples, Mat 10:1

**#3. THE GREAT COMMISSION IS JESUS’ \_\_\_\_\_ FOR THE CHURCH, v. 19**

- A. Intentionality in “going” – missional living
- B. Intentionality in scope – all nations, Mat 24:14
- C. Intentionality in knowing the global condition

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**#4. THE GREAT COMMISSION IS ABOUT MAKING \_\_\_\_\_, v. 20**

- A. A disciple: *mathetes* – a learner, student
- B. A disciple is like his master, John 15:20
- C. A disciple is closely connected to his master, 1 Cor 4:16, 11:1, 1 Thess 1:6

**#5. THE GREAT COMMISSION IS ABOUT MAKING DISCIPLES THAT ARE \_\_\_\_\_, v. 19**

- A. Baptizing in the name of the Trinity
- B. Baptism is an identification with Jesus death burial & resurrection, Rom 6:1-5
- C. Baptizing into a community of believers, 1 Cor 12:13
- D. Baptizing upon profession of faith

**#6. THE GREAT COMMISSION IS ABOUT MAKING DISCIPLES THAT ARE TAUGHT TO LIVE \_\_\_\_\_, v. 20a**

- A. Teaching to live in comprehensive obedience
- B. Teaching God’s word is central to discipleship
- C. Teaching leads to a transformed life

**#7. THE GREAT COMMISSION IS CARRIED OUT WITH JESUS’ \_\_\_\_\_, v. 20b**

- A. Jesus is always present with us
- B. Jesus empowers through the Holy Spirit, Acts 1:8
- C. Jesus brings this age to conclusion

**ANSWERS:** Worshiping, Authority, Directive, Disciples, Baptized, Obediently, Presence.

## DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

- #1. Why is it important for believers to understand the mission of the church?
- #2. For what reason(s) does the Great Commission begin with God's people worshiping Jesus?
- #3. What does it mean for believers execute the Great Commission with Jesus' authority?
- #4. In what way(s) can believers intentionally fulfill the Great Commission?
- #5. What the concept of a disciple in the first Century. How is that different from the way people today regard discipleship?
- #6. What is the significance of baptism?
- #7. Discuss the importance of being informed about what is happening around the world regarding the spread of the gospel?
- #8. What is the 10 / 40 window?
- #9. Why is it important to know that Jesus is with us throughout the present age?
- #10. What is your takeaway from this teaching.

*Welcome*

*to*

*Hillcrest Church*

*Great Commission Mission!*

***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,  
Matthew 28:19***

*April 28, 2024*  
*Pastor Bruce Guckelberg, PhD*

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### THIS WEEK

Pastor Bruce will be teaching on the directive the Lord gave to the church which is commonly known as the Great Commission.

### TUESDAY BIBLE STUDY ON ZOOM - 7PM

The life group on Thursday is moved to Tuesday in zoomland.

Beginning Tuesday, April 30<sup>th</sup>, the topic of discussion will be CPR (Caring, Praying, Reaching Out). We will listen to an 8 minute podcast, then turn our attention to discussion questions and end the evening with prayer. Pastor Tim will be leading the sessions.

### CHURCH STEWARDSHIP - MARCH

We have \$8,953 left to pay off the loan for the roof.

### GIVING TO THE EAST INDIAN DINNER & MISSIONS

YEAR	EID	YEAR'S TOTAL MISSIONS
2019	\$8,333	\$14,661
2020	Covid	\$5,751
2021	\$9,644	\$18,234
2022	\$11,560	\$19,433
2023	\$11,016	\$19,674
2024	\$12,319	

### PASTOR BRUCE'S SURGERY

Bruce is having surgery April 30<sup>th</sup> to repair his right rotator cuff, so he will be out for the month of May. Please keep him in prayer for a successful surgery and speedy recovery.

### PREACHING SCHEDULE FOR MAY

May 5 – Paul Milton

May 12 – Tim Brooks

May 19 – Jacob Cohen, Jewish Ministry Chaplain

May 26 – Paul Rogers, Arab American Learning Center