

# The Great Commission

A landscape photograph featuring a paved road that recedes into the distance under a blue sky with light clouds. The road is flanked by green grass and rolling hills. In the center of the road, a large, white, three-dimensional 'GO' sign stands prominently. The sign is positioned so that the road appears to lead directly into it. The overall scene is bright and clear, suggesting a path forward.

**GO**

**AND MAKE DISCIPLES OF ALL NATIONS**

# Psalm 96:1–3

**Sing to the LORD a new song; sing to the LORD, all the earth. Sing to the LORD, praise his name; proclaim his salvation day after day. Declare his glory among the nations, his marvelous deeds among all peoples.**

**1. Hearing the command to go requires being in a place of obedience.**



# **Matthew 28:16**

**Then the eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain where Jesus had told them to go.**

# **Matthew 26:32**

**“But after I have risen, I will go ahead of you into Galilee.”**

# **Matthew 28:7**

**Then go quickly and tell his disciples:  
'He has risen from the dead and is  
going ahead of you into Galilee.  
There you will see him.' Now I have  
told you."**

# Matthew 28:10

**“Do not be afraid. Go and tell my brothers to go to Galilee; there they will see me.”**

**2. Hearing the command to go requires having a heart of worship.**



# **Matthew 28:17**

**When they saw him, they worshiped him; but some doubted.**

# **Luke 24:10–11**

**It was *Mary Magdalene, Joanna, Mary the mother of James, and the others with them* who told this to the apostles. But they did not believe the women, because their words seemed to them like nonsense.**


# John 20:25

**“Unless I see the nail marks in his hands and put my finger where the nails were, and put my hand into his side, I will not believe it.”**

# **2 Corinthians 4:13–15**

**It is written: “I believed; therefore I have spoken.” With that same spirit of faith we also believe and therefore speak, because we know that the one who raised the Lord Jesus from the dead will also raise us with Jesus and present us with you in his presence.**





**All this is for your benefit, so that the  
grace that is reaching more and more  
people may cause thanksgiving to  
overflow to the glory of God.**

**3. Hearing the command to go requires submission to the authority of the Sender.**

# **Matthew 28:18**

**Then Jesus came to them and said,  
“All authority in heaven and on earth  
has been given to me.”**

# JESUS HAS ALL AUTHORITY

	<b>He taught as one who had authority</b>
<b>Matthew 9:6</b>	<b>He has authority to forgive sins</b>
<b>Matthew 10:1</b>	<b>He can give authority to drive out demons</b>
<b>Mark 1:27</b>	<b>He has authority to give orders to evil spirits and they must obey Him</b>
<b>Luke 10:19</b>	<b>He can give authority to trample on snakes and scorpions and to overcome all the power of the enemy</b>
<b>Luke 12:5</b>	<b>He has authority to cast into hell</b>
<b>John 10:18</b>	<b>He has authority to lay His life down and take it up again</b>



**4. Hearing the command to go  
requires willingness to put in the  
work.**

**A. It's urgent.**

# **Matthew 28:19**

**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 22:9**

**‘Go to the street corners and invite to the banquet anyone you find.’**



# **Luke 14:23**

**“Then the master told his servant, ‘Go out to the roads and country lanes and make them come in, so that my house will be full.’**

**B. It's intentional.**

# **Matthew 28:19**

**Therefore go and make disciples of all  
nations.**

# **Matthew 4:18–20**

**As Jesus was walking beside the Sea of Galilee, he saw two brothers, Simon called Peter and his brother Andrew. They were casting a net into the lake, for they were fishermen. “Come, follow me,” Jesus said, “and I will make you fishers of men.” At once they left their nets and followed him.**



# **Luke 5:27–28**

**After this, Jesus went out and saw a tax collector by the name of Levi sitting at his tax booth. “Follow me,” Jesus said to him, and Levi got up, left everything and followed him.**

# John 6:66

**From this time many of his disciples turned back and no longer followed him.**

# Mark 3:14

**He appointed twelve—designating them apostles—that they might be with him and that he might send them out to preach.**

# **1 Corinthians 4:16**

**I urge you, then, be imitators of me.**

# Philippians 3:17

**Brothers, join in imitating me, and keep your eyes on those who walk according to the example you have in us.**



# **2 Thessalonians 3:7**

**For you yourselves know how you ought  
to follow our example.**

# **1 Corinthians 11:1**

**Follow my example, as I follow the  
example of Christ.**

**C. It's not a secret.**

# **Matthew 28:19**

**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.**

# Acts 2:38

**“Repent and be baptized, every one of you, in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins. And you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit.”**



# Acts 8:36

**As they traveled along the road, they came to some water and the eunuch said, “Look, here is water. Why shouldn’t I be baptized?”**

# Acts 10:48

**So he ordered that they be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ.**

# Acts 16:33

**At that hour of the night the jailer took them and washed their wounds; then immediately he and all his family were baptized.**

# Romans 6:3-4

**Or don't you know that all of us who were baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? We were therefore buried with him through baptism into death in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead through the glory of the Father, we too may live a new life.**

**D. It's instructional.**



# **Matthew 28:20**

**and teaching them to obey everything I  
have commanded you.**

# **2 Timothy 2:1–3**

**You then, my son, be strong in the grace that is in Christ Jesus. And the things you have heard me say in the presence of many witnesses entrust to reliable men who will also be qualified to teach others.**

**5. Hearing the command to go  
requires confidence you have  
divine enablement.**

# Matthew 28:20

**“And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age.”**