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 Worship Service  
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## His Mission • Our Mandate

Message Two • Matthew 28:16-20

### The Mission Mandated and Celebrated

#### Jesus' Mission Is Being Fulfilled by Local Churches Doing Missions.

Jesus' *mission* is to fill the earth with His Father's **GLORY** by multiplying image bearers transformed into His likeness.

*Missions* is how Jesus fulfills His *mission* from heaven **THROUGH** His church on earth in the power of the Spirit.

#### What Is Our Mandate for Missions All About?

### 1. All AUTHORITY.

"And Jesus came up and spoke to them, saying, "**ALL authority** has been given to Me in heaven and on earth." (v. 18)

*How much authority was Jesus given to exercise?*

*How far does His authority extend?*

*What does this authority enable Jesus to do?*

Revelation 5:1-10

- We have all authority to **SHARE** the gospel with everyone everywhere.
- We have all authority to share even if demonic or human **AUTHORITIES** say no.  
 Acts 4:18-21; 5:27-42

### 2. All PEOPLES.

"Go therefore and make disciples of **ALL the nations**..." (v. 19a)

*Which are greater political borders or cultural barriers?*

- We have all authority to reach all **PEOPLE GROUPS**.

- We have no authority to write-off any person or people group as **UNWORTHY** or **UNREACHABLE**.

### 3. All COMMANDS.

"make disciples...baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit, teaching them to **observe ALL that I commanded you**;" (vv. 19-20a)

- The mandate is not about making **DECISIONS** but making disciples.

Go to **EVANGELIZE** them!

Baptize them to **DISCIPLE** them!

Teach them to **MULTIPLY** them on mission!

- The mandate requires **OBEDIENCE** to *all* of Christ's commands.

### 4. All TIME.

"and LO, I AM with you **ALWAYS, even to the end of the age**." (v. 20b)

- Jesus is always with those who are **ON MISSION** with Him.
- Jesus is always with those who are on mission *through* His **LOCAL CHURCH**.

#### The Book of Acts Reveals How the Apostles Celebrated the Mandate:

##### Planting Local Churches

*Numerical Growth of God's People by Evangelism!*

##### Establishing Local Churches

*Spiritual Growth of God's Word by Discipleship!*

##### Multiplying Local Churches

*Geographical Growth of God's Churches by Missions!*

#### Our Mandate Is a Call to All to Give Our All in Getting the Gospel to Everyone Everywhere!

*What's your next step to do your part in fulfilling Jesus' mandate in and through our church?*