

Commissioned By King Jesus

Proclamation Life Groups; Matthew 28:18-20; Week of Sunday, January 1, 2017; Steve Thiel

Sermon Theme: King Jesus commissions us to make disciples, which implies that He has the authority to issue that command and that we are already His disciples. As obedient followers, we are called to love one another and share the love of Christ with others.

I. Authority of King Jesus – Read Matthew 28:18-20

- A. What stands out to you about Jesus' command in Matthew 28:18-20? How is His authority directly related to the commissioning of His disciples?

- B. Why do you think Matthew starts with Jesus' genealogy and birth narrative in Matthew 1-2? How do the details of these events highlight that Jesus truly is the King of kings?

- C. Where else do the ideas of king and kingdom come up in the book of Matthew?

- D. Matthew provides two bookends (2:2 and 27:11) to highlight that Jesus is the King of kings. How does this reality help us understand the significance of the Great Commission?

II. Proclamation of King Jesus – Read John 13:34-35

- A. On the basis of Jesus' universal authority, we are commissioned to go and make disciples of all the nations. List all the different ways that we can participate in that mission?

- B. After reading John 13:34-35, what is the critical way that we demonstrate that we are truly disciples of Jesus? Considering the context of John 13:1-17, what does this love look like?

- C. What do you think it looks like to have a profound love for the lost?

- D. How would you like to grow in your ability and commitment to make disciples of all the nations? What are some practical things that you can do to move forward in this area?

III. Mission Clarity of King Jesus – Application

- A. Why do you think it's helpful to remember that we're sinners saved by grace?

- B. Why do you think it's helpful to remember that we're called for a purpose?

- C. Why do you think it's helpful to remember that it's the power of God that saves sinners (Romans 1:16) and sanctifies saints (1 Peter 1:22-2:3) and not our power?