

the GREAT COMMISSION

Part 2: "Making Disciples of All Nations" - Acts 1:3-11

Sunday April 30, 2023

SERMON NOTES

1) Q: What is a Disciple?

A disciple of Jesus is someone who has come to repentance and faith and is actively following His _____ and _____.

2) Q: How did Jesus send his disciples in their mission to make more disciples?

a) He challenged their _____ (Acts 1:6,7)

Then they gathered around him and asked him, "Lord, are you at this time going to restore the kingdom to Israel?" He said to them: "It is not for you to know the times or dates the Father has set by his own authority."

b) He promised God's _____ (Acts 1:8a)

But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you"

c) He expanded their _____ (Acts 1:8b)

"and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth."

d) He allowed them to be _____ and _____ (Acts 8)

8:1 On that day a great persecution broke out against the church in Jerusalem, and all except the apostles were scattered throughout Judea and Samaria... 8:4 Those who had been scattered preached the word wherever they went.

LIFE APPLICATION QUESTIONS

- 1) What stood out in today's message for you? Why?
- 2) As you consider the definition of a true disciple of Jesus, in what ways has the modern church fallen short in making these kinds of disciples? Why have we so often settled for lesser standards when it comes to our definition of what a Christian is? What implications does this have for us today?
- 3) As you consider the early disciples being persecuted and scattered to fulfill their mission of making disciples of all nations, how have you witnessed God using negative circumstances to accomplish His good in your life?
- 4) Of the two complexes that we heard about today in sharing our faith, which one do you tend towards, superiority or inferiority? What new insight have you gained today in your approach to sharing your faith in Christ with others?
- 5) In what ways do you desire to be a part of this new move of disciple-making in our generation? What opportunities are you seeing to go into your world and how do you hope to step up?

WEEKLY PRAYER FOCUS

Take time this week to thank the Lord that his mission to make disciples of all nations has moved out and now includes you as a disciple and a disciple-maker. Ask the Lord to continue to develop His qualities in you as you seek to faithfully follow his teaching and example. Ask the Lord for the ability to see your part in his unfolding mission and the strength of the Spirit to carry it out even in spite of the internal and external challenges you will face.