

“Look to the Future:
Welcome to a New World”

“A Future Message – The Co-Mission” Core 26

“All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to Me. Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age.”
Matthew 28:18-20

A. His Mission, our Co-Mission...

1. How important is this Co-Mission? It was the last thing He did.

“And then He told them, ‘Go into all the world and preach the Good News to everyone. Anyone who believes and is baptized will be saved. But anyone who refuses to believe will be condemned.’”

Mark 16:15-16

“It was also written that this message would be proclaimed in the authority of His name to all the nations, beginning in Jerusalem: ‘There is forgiveness of sins for all who repent.’ You are witnesses of all these things.” Luke 24:47-48

“Again He said, ‘Peace be with you. As the Father has sent Me, so I am sending you.’ Then He breathed on them and said, ‘Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive anyone’s sins, they are forgiven. If you do not forgive them, they are not forgiven.’” John 20:21-23

“But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes upon you. And you will be My witnesses, telling people about Me everywhere—in Jerusalem, throughout Judea, in Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.” Acts 1:8

2. Who is to fulfill this Co-Mission?

““So we are Christ’s ambassadors; God is making His appeal through us. We speak for Christ when we plead, ‘Come back to God!’”
2 Corinthians 5:20

3. When is the Co-Mission to be fulfilled?

“For God says, ‘At just the right time, I heard you. On the day of salvation, I helped you.’ Indeed, the ‘right time’ is now. Today is the day of salvation.” 2 Corinthians 6:2

4. How is it to be fulfilled?

“But how can they call on Him to save them unless they believe in Him? And how can they believe in Him if they have never heard about Him? And how can they hear about Him unless someone tells them?”
Romans 10:14

B. The Great Commission...

“Jesus came and told His disciples, ‘I have been given all authority in heaven and on earth. Therefore, go and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit. Teach these new disciples to obey all the commands I have given you. And be sure of this: I am with you always, even to the end of the age.’” Matthew 28:18-20

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1. Jesus has all authority to give us this command. He has all power and right to command us.

“Therefore, God elevated Him to the place of highest honor and gave Him the name above all other names, that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue declare that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.” Philippians 2:9-11

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2. Jesus has given His promise along with His command. He promises, all the days of our lives, and as long as the earth still stands. Our comfort comes from the one with the power to offer it!

“For God has said, ‘I will never fail you. I will never abandon you.’”
Hebrews 13:5

“But the Lord stood with me and gave me strength so that I might preach the Good News in its entirety for all the Gentiles to hear. And He rescued me from certain death.” 2 Timothy 4:17

“Therefore, go and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit. Teach these new disciples to obey all the commands I have given you.”

3. Therefore...in view of all His authority!

Go...as you go!

Make...called to make not just be!

All nations...16,000 diverse cultures in the world.

Baptize...a public declaration of the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ!

Father, Son, and Holy Spirit...our belief in the Trinity!

Teach...by observing, keeping, doing, and obeying!

“This is good and pleases God our Savior, who wants everyone to be saved and to understand the truth.” 1 Timothy 2:3-4

C. God is calling workers to the harvest...

“These were His instructions to them: ‘The harvest is great, but the workers are few. So pray to the Lord who is in charge of the harvest; ask Him to send more workers into His fields.’” Luke 10:2

1. Children and youth ministry are a significant part of the harvest. Two out of three come to Christ before the age of 18. 13% come to Christ between 18-21. 23% come to Christ after the age of 21.
2. How do children come to Christ? Parents 50%, Friends 20%, Pastor 7%, A special turning point 12%, Media 1%
3. How do adults come to Christ? Friends 19%, Mass Media 14%, Live event 14%, Relative 13%, Ministers 10%, Parents 8%
4. About 50% share their faith in some way but only 4% actually lead someone to faith in Christ.
5. What keeps us from leading someone to faith in Christ?
 - a. Fear is the number one reason!
 - b. Apathy is a very sad commentary on our lives.
 - c. Lack of knowledge hinders many.
 - d. Loss of contacts with those who need Jesus!

D. What should I do to start fulfilling the command?

“Jesus called out to them, ‘Come, follow Me, and I will show you how to fish for people!’” Matthew 4:19

1. Love God and love people.
2. Live out your faith in your everyday life.
3. Practice your own testimony.
4. Be prepared with a method of sharing the gospel. A-Admit, B-Believe, C-Confess, and D-Decide
5. Know your spiritual gifts and find the place to serve in the process of making disciples.
6. Begin praying daily for opportunities to share your faith.
7. Build a prayer list that includes those you might reach.
8. Look for God to answer those prayers.

“because I keep hearing about your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love for all of God’s people. And I am praying that you will put into action the generosity that comes from your faith as you understand and experience all the good things we have in Christ.” Philemon 1:5-6