

We Must

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*In Our Community
& Around the World

Matthew 28:18-20—Then Jesus came to them and said, “All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. 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, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age.”

Mark 16:15—...Go into all the world and preach the gospel to all creation.

Luke 24:47—And repentance for the forgiveness of sins will be preached in his name to all nations, beginning at Jerusalem.

John 20:21—...As the Father has sent me, I am sending you.

Acts 1:8—But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.

Jesus Shows Us How to Fulfill His Will

Matthew 9:35-38—Jesus went through all the towns and villages, teaching in their synagogues, proclaiming the good news of the kingdom and healing every disease and sickness. When he saw the crowds, he had compassion on them, because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd. Then he said to his disciples, “The harvest is plentiful but the workers are few. Ask the Lord of the harvest, therefore, to send out workers into his harvest field.”

HOW TO ACCOMPLISH THE GREAT COMMISSION OF JESUS

1. Make it personal.

2. Make it prayerful.

> Gethsemane Prayer

Matthew 26:39 (NKJV)—...Father ...not as I will, but as You will.

WE MUST be about His will.

> Lord's Prayer

Matthew 6:10—Your kingdom come, your will be done...

WE MUST be about His Kingdom.

> High Priestly Prayer

John 17:18—*As you sent me into the world, I have sent them into the world.*

WE MUST be His hands and feet and go and serve.

> Jesus' Daily Prayers

Mark 1:35—*Very early in the morning, while it was still dark, Jesus got up, left the house and went off to a solitary place, where he prayed.*

WE MUST pray each day for the advancement of God's work.

> Our Prayers

Matthew 9:37-38—*Then he said to his disciples, "The harvest is plentiful but the workers are few. 38 Ask the Lord of the harvest, therefore, to send out workers into his harvest field."*

WE MUST reflect His heart, conviction, and compassion for others.

3. Make it practical.

> Pray each day.

> Give each month to missions.

Romans 10:9-15—*If you declare with your mouth, "Jesus is Lord," and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. For it is with your heart that you believe and are justified, and it is with your mouth that you profess your faith and are saved. As Scripture says, "Anyone who believes in him will never be put to shame." For there is no difference between Jew and Gentile—the same Lord is Lord of all and richly blesses all who call on him, for, "Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved." How, then, can they call on the one they have not believed in? And how can they believe in the one of whom they have not heard? And how can they hear without someone preaching to them? And how can anyone preach unless they are sent? As it is written: "How beautiful are the feet of those who bring good news!"*

1 John 3:17-18—*If anyone has material possessions and sees a brother or sister in need but has no pity on them, how can the love of God be in that person? Dear children, let us not love with words or speech but with actions and in truth.*

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All verses quoted in New International Version unless otherwise noted.

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STUDY GUIDE: 2/9/25

Begin your group with prayer. Have one or two people share a testimony from their week. Keep it positive and reflect on the good things God has done.

STUDY QUESTIONS

1. Read the Great Commission of Jesus in Matthew 28:18-20. What are the four action steps here?
2. Read Acts 1:8. Where are we to be His witnesses? How might the locations listed in this passage correlate to us in our setting? What are some possible implications for us?
3. Read Matthew 9:35-38. Jesus shows us here how to fulfill His Will. What are the six things Jesus did that WE MUST also do?
4. Rob said, "While we can't do everything, WE MUST do everything we can." What does this mean to you? To our church? How do you want to play a part?
5. What do we learn from the prayers of Jesus that we studied in today's sermon? What do they say about what is important to Him? And is what is important to Him important to us? Discuss.