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WEEK 5 · 2026

2026 THEME
Transformed to Bear Much Fruit

THIS WEEK'S STUDY

The Great Commission

Matthew 28:16–20

I Introduction

A DEFINITION

"Evangelism is preaching the gospel in the power of the Holy Spirit and leaving the results to God." At the heart of evangelism is God's desire to be known and worshiped among all nations (Psalm 67).

The problem of the unreached world cannot be solved by social reform, political systems, or humanitarian efforts alone. While these have value, the root problem is spiritual, and it needs the true balm of the gospel: not superficial solutions, but the transforming power of Jesus Christ. To effectively share Christ with a dying world, believers must first understand the depth from which they themselves have been saved.

II The Urgency and Reach of the Mission

The Scale of the Need

Only a small percentage of the world identifies as Bible-believing and born again. Millions live and die without ever encountering a Christian witness, especially among unreached people groups. This calls believers to step out of comfort zones into compassionate obedience. We are pilgrims on earth, not settlers.

A Gospel for All People

The gospel is for every tribe, language, people, and nation. Heaven will be filled with a diverse, redeemed people worshiping God together. Believers carry this message, in person or through technology, so that sincere worshipers may rise from every nation. Our daily conduct must reflect the gospel we proclaim.

REVELATION 5

III His Will and Testament to the Church

Before ascending, Jesus gave His will and testament to the church. We are not sent powerless or unsupported.

A Great Authority

Jesus begins by declaring, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to Me." The command to evangelize flows directly from who He is and what He has accomplished.

MATTHEW 28:16–18

A Great Command

Go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them and teaching them to obey everything He has commanded.

MATTHEW 28:19–20A

A Great Promise

Jesus promised to be with us all the days of our life, to the very end of the age.

MATTHEW 28:20B

Christ's authority empowers us, His command directs us, and His presence assures us as we participate in His mission to the nations.

IV Discussion Questions

1. Why do you think sharing the gospel feels difficult, even with people we already know and interact with daily?
2. How does understanding Christ's authority, command, and promise give us confidence to fulfil the Great Commission?
3. Why is evangelism primarily a spiritual task rather than a social or humanitarian one?
4. How does understanding the global need for the gospel challenge our personal comfort and priorities?
5. Who are the "nations" God has placed within your reach: at home, at work, or in your community?

MEMORY VERSE

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.

MATTHEW 28:19–20

✷ ACTION POINT

Pray daily this week for God to enlarge your heart for the nations and for lost people around you. Ask the Holy Spirit to show you one practical way (conversation, prayer, generosity, or support of missions) to take part in fulfilling the Great Commission.

Conclusion

The Great Commission reminds us that we are sent people: empowered by Christ's authority, guided by His command, and sustained by His promise. God's work done God's way will never lack provision. As we step out in faith, we participate in God's mission to depopulate hell and populate heaven, bringing glory to His Name.