

## Holy Spirit in the Church (Part Five): Go and Make Disciples

**Relevant Bible Verses:** Romans 10:14-15 ; Matthew 24:4-14

**Main Points:** Even the smallest things we do, God can magnify. We may not feel we have the power to change the world but we still feel the desire to be a part of something bigger. God is calling us to the Great Commission; to *go* into the world and make disciples, wherever that may be.

### Message Notes:

- The Great Commission is a *Global* assignment, a mission given to God's army. Polarization is occurring, both in the natural and the supernatural. God is calling an army to himself, but so is the enemy.
- Superheroes are popular in movies. Why? Because people want to be a part of something bigger than themselves but may not feel they have the power too. Part of why people are drawn to other religions is that they give them a cause worth dying for. They feel they're part of a cause, a revolution. People want to be a part of a movement, often not necessarily even caring what it is just that they are a part of something big.
- Any Christian church would likely be seen as controlling if they placed expectations on young people, so they don't do it, but young people are flocking to other religions because they do; they give them a cause.
- The question then is how can we be a part of God's cause. The Holy Spirit gives us the power to. *You* will receive power through the Holy Spirit. God makes it personal to each and every one of us; the Great Commission is given to all.
- Other people join religions because there's a system in place where they can *earn* their way to Grace or to Heaven. They can 'get God's attention'. If people could invest in eternity, more might do it because they get a sense of personal accomplishment. In other words, salvation is placed in the hands of men and that's how many want it. *Their* accomplishment or achievement, their pride. This is not the way Jesus wants it, and it is not the way it was designed to be.
- The Great Commission begins with the word GO. We are more comfortable to stay, and so we try to make church and Christianity attractive so others will instead come to us. We have the dynamite power to be martyrs daily, and we have all been called to go. With God, we lack nothing, but somewhere along the line a belief arose that it was better for people to come to us. However, when we get down to it, there is still only a portion of the world's population that would be, and is being, reached that way.
- There are a lot of areas in the world where great revivals in the church happened, that now have very little Christians. Revivals will not win the world, even though they're a major part of it. Obedience to God's call, to *go*, is what

will. The plan for the salvation of the World has not changed. People who need God are *out there* and we cannot reach them by making the church attractive to make people come in.

- The current reality is that there are 6800 unreached ethnic groups, 83% of which live in the 10/40 window, and only 3% of all missionaries are serving in the 10/40 window. Most missionaries serve in already reached areas, or areas that have had missions before. Having a great program in church will reach local groups but will have no effect on these unreached groups.
- **Summary:**
  - Get used to your own voice declaring the wonders of God. How can they know if they have not heard? If you're scared of speaking up about God's wonders, remember Joshua and how God told him to be *strong and courageous*. We need to come to the realization that God wants to use us, and we must do more than just believe God can use us, and actually walk in it.
  - Through the Spirit we are revolutionaries, called to the greatest mission the world has ever seen. There is no more worthy cause than the one God has given us, we have everything we need, and we need to step out in faith, believing the God is with us.

**For Further Application:**

- Go into the world, whether that be friends, neighbours, family, coworkers, or even a different continent. Regardless of how far, we are called to go. So go.