

Question:

What is a Commission?

TEXT:***Matthew 28:16-20***

¹⁶Then the eleven disciples left for Galilee, going to the mountain where Jesus had told them to go. ¹⁷When they saw him, they worshiped him—but some of them doubted!

¹⁸Jesus came and told his disciples, “I have been given all authority in heaven and on earth. ¹⁹Therefore, go and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit. ²⁰Teach 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.”¹

MESSAGE:**I. The Authority of Jesus**

Notes: _____

Elisabeth Elliot

"Until the will and the affections are brought under the authority of Christ, we have not begun to understand, let alone to accept, His lordship."

John Owen

"God has work to do in this world; and to desert it because of its difficulties and entanglements, is to cast off His authority. It is not enough that we be just, that we be righteous, and walk with God in holiness; but we must also serve our generation, as David did before he fell asleep. God has a work to do; and not to help Him is to oppose Him."

Tyndale House Publishers. (2013). [*Holy Bible: New Living Translation*](#) (Mt 28:16–20). Carol Stream, IL: Tyndale House Publishers.

II. The Agenda of Jesus

Notes: _____

Dietrich Bonhoeffer

Christianity without discipleship is always Christianity without Christ.

Oswald J. Smith

“The church that does not evangelize will fossilize.”

C.T. Studd

“Some wish to live within the sound of church and chapel bell. I want to run a rescue shop within a yard of hell!”

III. The Assurance of Jesus

Notes: _____

Frederick W. Robertson

"In these two things the greatness of man consists, to have God so dwelling in us as to impart his character to us, and to have him so dwelling in us that we recognize his presence, and know that we are his, and he is ours. The one is salvation: the other the assurance of it."

A.W. Tozer, The Pursuit of God: The Human Thirst for the Divine

“Why do some persons 'find' God in a way that others do not? Why does God manifest His Presence to some and let multitudes of others struggle along in the half-light of imperfect Christian experience? Of course the will of God is the same for all. He has no favorites within His household. All He has ever done for any of His children He will do for all of His children. The difference lies not with God but with us.”

CONCLUSION:

Dietrich Bonhoeffer

“When Christ calls a man, he bids him come and die.”

John Wesley

“You have one business on earth – to save souls.”

Robert C. Shannon

“Never pity missionaries; envy them. They are where the real action is — where life and death, sin and grace, Heaven and Hell converge.”

Steve Moore

“The Great Commission is too big for anyone to accomplish alone and too important not to try to do together.”