

Celebration, Connection & COMMISSION
Hope Chapel Honolulu
Matthew 28:16-20

¹⁶ Now the eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain to which Jesus had directed them. ¹⁷ And when they saw him they worshiped him, but some doubted. ¹⁸ And Jesus came and said to them, “All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. ¹⁹ 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, ²⁰ teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age.” (Matthew 28:16-20, ESV)

Introduction

For nearly a year now (fifty-one weeks to be exact) I have been sharing my heart for God’s mission—the Great Commission—that is not intended for just a few specialists and professionals, but for all those who have come to taste and see God’s power, love and faithfulness. We are to gather together to confess our love and need for God. We are to also gather in smaller circles to show and tell one another of God’s power, love and faithfulness to pray for one another that we might all come to receive and recognize His grace and truth. And we are each sent to someone, somewhere, to show and tell of our own experience of God’s power, love and faithfulness, to go across a street or an ocean perhaps, to baptize and to teach and model trust and obedience to Christ.

1. Celebration (Matthew 28:16-17).

- a) Gathering together to become known by God and the members of His Body.
- b) Praising God and telling one another of His power, love and faithfulness.

2. Connection (Matthew 28:18 & 20).

- a) Becoming disciples.
- b) Recognizing and remembering His authority and presence in our hearts and lives.

3. COMMISSION (Matthew 28:19-20)

- a) Every believer is sent to someone, somewhere to show and tell them of God for, with and in us.
- b) “The harvest is great, but the laborers are few...those who care for laborers are fewer” (Luke 10:2).

Conclusion

We are each sent to someone, somewhere, to show and tell of our own experience of God’s power, love and faithfulness, to go across a street or an ocean perhaps, to baptize and to teach and model trust and obedience to Christ. You and I are God’s Plan A, and He has made no Plan B.

For our prayerful discovery, discussion and application:

- 1) What did the Word and Spirit of God remind you of or teach you anew today?
- 2) What struck you as you watched and listened to each of the testimonies today?
- 3) What have you witnessed of God’s power, love and faithfulness and who is God sending you to?

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