

"GO INTO THE WORLD"

- 1. Prior to His ascension, Jesus commanded His apostles to "make disciples of all nations."
 Matthew 28:19.
- 2. This would be accomplished by the apostles going out into the world to preach the gospel. – Mark 16:15.
- 3. Today, Christians have the same responsibility to go into the world and proclaim the word of God to all.

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 - 1. Began in Jerusalem on the day of Pentecost, Acts 2

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 - o a) Judea & Samaria, Acts 8:4-5, 14, 40
 - b) Galilee, Acts 9:31
 - o c) Syria, Acts 9:2, 10, 19-20
 - d) Phoenicia (present day Lebanon) and Cyrene (present day Libya), Acts 11:19-20
 - e) Cyprus, Acts 13:4-5

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 - f) Asia (present day Turkey), Acts 13:13-14
 - g) Macedonia (present day Macedonia, Greece, Albania), Acts 16:9-10
 - h) Achaia (present day Greece), <u>Acts</u>
 <u>17:15</u>

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 - i) Illyricum (Present day Albania, Montenegro, Bosnia, Croatia), Romans 15:19
 - j) Italy, <u>Acts 28:16</u>
 - 3. Today we have an even greater ability to "go": Improved modes of travel; various forms of media.

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B. All creation, <u>Mark 16:15, 20; Romans</u>
 16:25-26; <u>Colossians 1:3-6</u>; <u>22-23</u>; <u>Titus</u>
 2:11

II. TODAY WE MUST CONTINUE TO BRING THE GOSPEL INTO THE WORLD

- A. Every man and woman (young and old), nationality, race, language, culture, needs to hear the gospel, <u>Acts 10:34-35</u>
 - 1. All have sinned, Romans 3:23
 - 2. There is none righteous, Romans 3:10
 - 3. All are commanded to repent, Acts 17:30
 - 4. God wants all people to be saved, 1 Timothy 2:1-4
 - 5. God desires none to perish, 2 Peter 3:8

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- B. The world is ripe for harvesting, Matthew 9:35-38; John 4:31-36
 - 1. Jesus wants His followers to be fishers of men, Matthew 5:18-20
 - 2. We should pray for opportunities to arise and take advantage of them when presented to us, Colossians 4:2-3; Acts 14:26
 - 3. While we have opportunity we must do good to all, <u>Galatians 6:10</u>
- What greater good could we do to others, than to share the Gospel with them?

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- C. We can start reaching the world by approaching those closest to us (family, friends, neighbors, etc.)
 - 1. Andrew found his brother Peter and brought him to Jesus, <u>John 1:35-37, 40-42</u>
 - 2. Philip found Nathanael(Thaddeus) and brought him to Jesus, <u>John 1:43-47</u>
 - 3. The Samaritan women went into her city and told the men concerning Jesus, <u>John</u> 4:28-30, 39-42

CONCLUSION

- 1. The commission given to the apostles applies to us today as well.
- 2. We have a tremendous responsibility to share the gospel with the world.
- 3. Through our efforts many can come to know God and receive the blessing of eternal life, cf. 1 Timothy 4:16

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