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God's Mandate

Mathew 28:19-20

This is the last scene in the life of Jesus in His first coming to us.

I. There is a risen Lord.

God gave Jesus authority over Heaven and Earth.

On the basis of that authority, Jesus told His Disciples to make more Disciples.

With the same authority Jesus still commands us to tell others the Good News and to make them Disciples for the Kingdom.

II. There are a group of Disciples.

What do you see about their actions and reactions?

V.16 "They went" where He said to go.

V.17 "They saw", "they worshiped" and "they doubted".

V.18 "Then Jesus came to them and said," How does Jesus come to us today?

III. There is a departing order.

V.19 "Therefore" What is that therefore, therefore?

A. "Go"

How well do we as a church perform at this "Go" order?

How am I doing at the going order?

B. "make Disciples"

Who are we to make into Disciples?

Does "ALL the nations" include our neighbors, coworkers, friends, and family?

C. "Baptize them"

What are we to Baptize them into?

The "name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit."

Baptism unites a believer with Jesus Christ in His death to sin and resurrection to new life.

D. "Teach them"

What are we to teach them?

"To obey all that I have commanded you."

What is the best way to teach someone,

1. by my actions or 2. with my words?

E. Comfort and Courage

V.20 "And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age."

How is Jesus with us?

Conclusion:

Start where you are.

Obey what you know, so others can see it and follow you.