

Season 4 Study 5: Great Commissions

THE BIG YEAR

A Journey through God's Word

Any new revelations this week as you read the New Testament?

1. If you knew you had five minutes to say a final farewell to your loved ones, what would you say to them?

We're going to be looking at Jesus' final words to His disciples, spoken just before His Ascension, commonly known as 'The Great Commission'. Each of the four gospel-writers include a different version of this, and we're going to compare them by asking the same questions of all four passages (below), plus a few additional ones for each:

- *Where did this commission take place?*
- *What specific instructions were given to the disciples?*
- *What assurances or promises were given to the disciples?*
- *What unique detail is included in this version of the commission?*

READ MATTHEW 28:16-20

2. What were the disciples doing before Jesus spoke to them (vs 17)?
3. Can worship and doubt co-exist in the heart of a true disciple?
4. What is the difference between making disciples and collecting converts?

READ MARK 16:14-20

5. When were the promises in vs 17-18 fulfilled? Are they still valid for us as His disciples today?
6. What did Jesus do after He was taken up into heaven (vs 19)? What does this action imply?

READ JOHN 20:19-23

7. How did the disciples receive the Holy Spirit, according to vs 22? How does it work today?
8. How are we to understand the authority given to the Apostles in vs 23? Do we as Jesus' disciples still have that kind of authority now?

READ ACTS 1:1-11

9. What did Jesus do during the forty days between His resurrection and ascension (vs 3-4, see **1 Cor 15:3-6**)?
10. What is the significance of the geographical areas mentioned in vs 8?
11. Of all the promises included in the four versions of the commission, what do you find most exciting?

"As the Father has sent me, even so I am sending you." (John 20:21)