

The Very Great Commission

- I. The Very Great Commission
 - A. The Message – Mt. 28:18-20; Mk. 16:15; Jn. 20:21; Acts 1:8
 1. “Make Disciples” – make followers of Christ
 2. To every creature
 3. In Jerusalem, in Judea and Samaria & uttermost part of the world
 - B. The Messengers
 1. “Go” – Mt
 2. I send you – Jn

- II. The FBC Response
 - A. Leading the Way
 - B. Creating a Culture
 1. Focus on Their Eternal Destination – love another so much that you are willing to embarrass yourself or offend the another
 2. Know this may be their last opportunity to hear about the Lord - Luke 12:20 - ²⁰ **But God said to him, ‘Fool! This night your soul will be required of you; then whose will those things be which you have provided?’**
 3. Pray for specific people – loved ones, friends, others
 4. Take advantage of opportunities – mission trips; Day Camp; tract passing; visitations; outreach opportunities
 - C. Equipping the Saints - “I don’t know what to say”
 1. Training classes
 2. Church and personal opportunities
 3. Prayer meetings

- III. Organizing Opportunities – Acts 1:8
 - A. Community Connections – serve, mingle, associate or make friends
 1. Connect with neighbors- serve together; involved in more community activities; neighborhood project; community need
 2. Developing relationships to invite to church or be a witness
 3. Develop a giving or ministering group to make friends, increase visibility of church or have opportunity to share
 - B. Long Term Relationship Outreach- Ill. **someone who is unchurched needs multiple exposures to a witness to be open to listening to them**
 - C. Visitor Retaining Ministry-

Conclusion –

1. The Very Great Commission is for us all. God commands us to share. God doesn’t want us to be ashamed of our identity in Christ. If we are disobedient, how can we grow in our relationship with the Lord? Plan to be a witness.
2. Make a prayer list of 3 people who need the Lord. Pray for them every day this week.
 3. Seek boldness from the Spirit of God and get involved in our outreach program.