



To the Ends of the Earth
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Peace be with you! As the Father has sent me, I am sending you.
John 20:21b (NIV)

...You will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth. Acts 1:8 (NIV)

God reconciled us to himself through Christ and gave us the ministry of reconciliation: that God was reconciling the world to himself in Christ, not counting people's sins against them. And he has committed to us the message of reconciliation. We are therefore Christ's ambassadors, as though God were making His appeal through us. 2 Corinthians 5:18b-20 (NIV)

Then Jesus came to them and said, 'All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Therefore go and make disciples of all nations baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age.' Matthew 28:18-20 (NIV)

Three Observations from Jesus' Great Commission to Us:

1. Jesus has the ultimate authority to commissions us

2. Jesus tells us that His good news message is for the whole world

And this gospel of the kingdom will be preached in the whole world as a testimony to all nations, and then the end will come.
Matthew 24:14 (NIV)

And with your blood you purchased for God members of every tribe and language and people and nation. You have made them to be a kingdom and priests to serve our God, and they will reign on the earth. Revelation 5:9b-10 (NIV)

3. God invites us to join Him on Mission

Discussion Questions:

1. In what ways do you feel called to help bring the love of Jesus to "the ends of the earth"?
2. In what ways does this play out in your day-to-day life?
3. What are some creative ways that we as a church family could further join together to serve our nation and our globe?