

Spiritual Growth Questions for June 6, 2021

Opener: Where do you see God working in your life right now? What has God been teaching you this week?

1. How have you heard the Great Commission preached and taught growing up?
2. To what extent did you/do you understand it as a call to global evangelism?
3. Of the Greats presented, is there one or two discussed that you were particularly struck by?
4. How, if at all, should this more holistic view of the Great Commission impact your and/or your church's understanding of mission?
5. How would you say you participate in the Great Commission?

II. Read the following scriptures: Luke 4:16-21, Luke 24:25-27, Romans 12:1-2. Apply the S.O.A.P. study method.

Scripture: Read the passage three times with an open heart and ask the Lord Jesus to speak to you.

Observation: Write down what you see in this passage. Make as many observations as you can.

Application: Write down how you will be different because of what you have just read. Look for lessons to be learned, examples to be followed and promises to be enjoyed. How is Jesus revealed?

Prayer: Write out a short prayer.

Lord, break my heart with the things that break your heart. Show me how I can be part of your plan to reach the world with the glorious gospel!

What's So Great About The Great Commission?

Matthew 28:16-20

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Text: Matthew 28:16-20, the Great Commission; various.

Matthew 28:16 Now the eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain to which Jesus had directed them. 17 When they saw him, they worshiped him; but some doubted. 18 And Jesus came and said to them, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. 19 Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, 20 and teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you. And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age." NRSV

Theme: Understanding what's great about the Great Commission requires considering the other Bible greats.

I. THE GREAT _____ (Lk. 4:18-19).

Good news of salvation for all, especially for the poor, sick, and oppressed.

Luke 4:18 "The Spirit of the Lord is upon me,
because he has anointed me
to bring good news to the poor.
He has sent me to proclaim release to the captives
and recovery of sight to the blind,
to let the oppressed go free,
19 to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor."

II. THE GREAT _____(Matthew 5-7).

The upside-down values of the kingdom of God, where integrity, peace, and justice guide us.

III. THE GREAT _____(Luke 24:25-27).

The specific good news of the cross and resurrection of Jesus.

Luke 24:25 Then he said to them, “Oh, how foolish you are, and how slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have declared! 26 Was it not necessary that the Messiah should suffer these things and then enter into his glory?” 27 Then beginning with Moses and all the prophets, he interpreted to them the things about himself in all the scriptures.

IV. THE GREAT _____(Jn. 4:23-24; Rev. 7:9-10).

The mosaic of God’s people overcoming racism, ethnocentrism, etc.

John 4:23 But the hour is coming, and is now here, when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth, for the Father seeks such as these to worship him. 24 God is spirit, and those who worship him must worship in spirit and truth.”

Revelation 7:9 After this I looked, and there was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, robed in white, with palm branches in their hands. 10 They cried out in a loud voice, saying,

V. THE GREAT _____ (Romans 12:1).

The commitment it takes to live out the Greats, including the Great Commission.

Romans 12:1 I appeal to you therefore, brothers and sisters, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship.

These other Greats make the Great Commission great; because they enable the church not just to GO, but to go with ALL that God longs to lavish upon the world.