

Series: The Gospel of Mark  
"A Going Church" #  
Mark 16:15  
1-1-17 Sun AM

We have the Great Commission given to the church at the end of each gospel- Matt, Mark, Luke, and John.

I want to read John's rendering that we often neglect.

**John 20:21**, "Then said Jesus to them again, Peace be unto you: as my Father hath sent me, even so send I you."

Jesus taught and prepared his disciples for the mission he was about to give them before his ascension back to the Father. His desire was that the church would finish what he began.

The one thing He left us to do, we don't. The church is great about a lot of things, but ineffective on the great commission.

Note the word "go ye." The church is to go out from their gathering and scatter out into the world of the lost. God's plan is not "come and hear," but "go and tell." Remember the song, "Go and tell it."

Note your bulletin! Why do we gather? Why do we scatter?

**TT-** Jesus gave us three instructions to be a "going" church.

**I. Where We Are to Go (v. 15a).**

Gill says, "Into all the world" not only into Judea, and through all the cities of it, where they had been before; nor only into the Roman empire, but into every known and habitable part of the whole universe, to all the nations of the world under heaven. This commission not only included the Apostles, but reaches to all the ministers of the Gospel in succeeding ages, to the end of the world; and since this, one part of the world, which was not known, is now discovered; and the order includes that, as well as the then known parts of the world, and the Gospel accordingly has been sent into it. "

"World" is the uttermost part of the earth because Jesus died for mankind in every part of the earth. Not everyone will believe but he has those who will all over the world (v. 16).

**Acts 1:6-8**, "When they therefore were come together, they asked of him, saying, Lord, wilt thou at this time restore again the kingdom to Israel? (7) And he said unto them, It is not for you to know the times or the seasons, which the Father hath put in his own power. (8) But ye shall receive power, after that the Holy

Ghost is come upon you: and ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judaea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth.

By not giving to the missionary effort here at Trinity you are not being obedient to this command unless you go yourself.

John Piper said, "Go, send, or disobey."

**I. Where We Are to Go (v. 15a).**

**II. What We Are to Say (v. 15b).**

"Preach" means to proclaim; make known; offer; herald; or publish. To do this is to offer free pardon of sins and eternal life to all who come on God's terms of mercy - through repentance, and faith in the Lord Jesus.

"Preach" is in the imperative which means it is a command, a responsibility of every believer.

"The gospel" - The good news. The tidings of salvation. The Christ crucified and risen.

The assurance that the Messiah has come, and that sin may be forgiven and the soul saved.

All men were lost and condemned. We have the only message that can save them and free them from the penalty of sin in eternal hell.

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**III. Who We Are to Tell (v. 15c).**

"To every creature [creation]," That is, to every human being. Man has no right to limit this offer to any class of men or certain people. God commands his servants to offer salvation to "every men."

If they reject, it is to their peril (v. 16b). God is not to blame if they do not choose to be saved. His mercy is manifest; his grace is boundless in offering life to a creature so guilty as man. The mystery is not that some are saved, but that any of us are saved.

What do we need to take home today-

1. It is the duty of every believer to tell the good news.
2. The church is never left alone to do its work. The Lord empowers his church.
3. Go, send, or disobey!