

Go! Our Great Commission: Part 2

Remember, small groups are primarily for growing closer relationships with other believers. We can learn wonderful things in this environment but keep relationships first.

- **Go! Our Great Commission!**
- This is about a command Jesus gave us called “The Great Commission.”
 - o Let’s read it. **Matthew 28:18-20**. This is the mission of the church.
- **Last Week: Jesus Went, and Jesus Sent!!**
- Jesus modeled the Great Commission in his own life and ministry.
- **This Week: There is Power in the Name of Jesus!**
- Today we talk about the authority of the believer.
- Jesus said “All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me.” **Matt 28:18**
- How does that affect us? Two major ways:
 - o Jesus has authority to Send us, and
 - o We do not go on our own, but under Christ’s authority.
- 1) Jesus has authority to send us.
 - o The next word is “therefore.” **Matthew 28:19**
 - o We don’t get to say “no” to Jesus and claim him as our Lord. **Luke 6:46**
 - What is a Lord? It is one who has authority over another.
 - If Jesus is your Lord, he has authority over you.
 - Good News! Jesus is a wonderful Lord!! He is a foot washing Lord!!
 - But he is no enabler or push over. Jesus is Lord! **Matthew 24:45-51**
 - o Now remember, you only have to do your part...
 - and maybe the part of the person who didn’t show up. ☺ Show up.
- 2) We do not go on our own, but under The Lord’s authority. This is big.
 - o We don’t represent ourselves, but Jesus.
 - Someone in uniform represents what that uniform stands for. Same thing for us.
 - If we do well, that reflects well on God! **1 Peter 3:1-2**
 - If we do poorly, that reflects poorly on God. **Romans 2:23-24**
 - o Wearing the uniform has its perks as well! No man left behind for example...
 - There is power in the Name. We don’t really do it, God does!
 - This is why **James 4:7** works! (1,000 foot tall Jesus story)
 - Authority is transferred. **Matthew 10:1, Luke 10:19**
 - Don’t miss the first part of James 4:7! **Acts 19:13-16**
 - o Dealing with rejection in a healthy way.
 - Remember **Matthew 10:12-13?**
 - We are not to take rejection personally. **Luke 10:16**
 - But hey, don’t get in the way of God!!!! Seriously.
 - Jesus drives this point home in **John 15:18-21**.
 - If someone hates the uniform, don’t take it personally.
- What has Jesus given us authority to do? Isn’t that the great question?
 - o Jesus has given everyone authority to ask God for forgiveness.
 - o Those who receive Jesus he gives the right to become children of God.
 - o He gives us authority to use our spiritual gifts.
 - o He gives us authority to make the devil flee.
 - o He gives us authority to pray for the sick. God does the healing of course.
 - o Jesus gives us authority to do good in this world.
 - o **Ephesians 2:8-10**
 - I’m going to ask you to receive this free gift of God.
 - And, to seek God to see the assignments he has already prepared for you.
- Pray for each other before you finish up!