

Go! Our Great Commission: Part 4

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.
- **This Week: Teach Them to Obey**
 - o This is the second part of “Go and make disciples.” First was baptize.
 - o This is a very important part of following Jesus, the following Jesus part. ☺
- A few Scriptures along these lines:
 - o **Matthew 7:24-27**
 - o **John 14:15**
- We are to go and make disciples who obey the teachings of Christ.
 - o Which, of course, means we are supposed to obey the teachings of Christ too!
 - o Last week: Christianity is not a religion of technicalities and loopholes.
 - o There is an odd teaching out there that has distorted the concept of “believing” in Jesus. This teaching says that you don’t have to obey, just believe.
 - o It is an over stating of Scriptures like **Romans 10:10** and **John 6:28-29**.
- What would you do if you believed the one who said, **Matthew 7:24-27, Matthew 16:24-25, and Matthew 24:45-51**?
 - o Coach example: if you believe in your coach and they call a strange play, what do you do?
 - Disobedience isn’t just about the coach being mad at you, you also lose the game!
 - Your house crashes down!
 - Then the church falls apart!
 - o Jesus came to start a revolution that he called “The Kingdom of God” where the light shines in the darkness and we fight the good fight!
- Finding the truth between Harsh Legalism and Cheap Grace.
 - o I think we need to serve Jesus with excellence and with all of our effort.
 - But there is a place too far into that ditch as well.
 - I personally feel torn between **Romans 9:1-3** and **Matthew 11:28-30**.
 - How about you? We don’t want to have an overactive sense of responsibility (Christ complex), but we don’t want to just ignore this lost broken world and take no responsibility either.
 - What do we do with that? Just be faithful and leave the results to God.
- Final explanation of Faith: the wheelbarrow story!
- Closing Scripture: **James 1:22**.
 - o When we obey the teachings of Christ:
 - Our relationship with God is made right.
 - Our lives get better.
 - Our light shines bright.
 - o There is no reason not to want all of that!
- Pray for each other before you finish up!