



LESSON 14:

GLOBAL MISSIONS AND THE GREAT COMMISSION

Big Idea: The Great Commission isn't just local—it's global. We are called to carry the gospel to the ends of the earth.

Scripture Anchor: Matthew 28:19–20, Acts 1:8

THE MISSION THAT CHANGES EVERYTHING

Jesus' final words in Matthew 28:19–20 were direct and powerful: "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." This wasn't a suggestion for a select few missionaries. It was a command for the whole church—every single believer who follows Christ.

"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

Missions starts local but doesn't stop there. It's a ripple effect that moves from your neighbors to communities, from nations to the entire world, carrying the gospel to the ends of the earth.





THE GOSPEL ISN'T FULLY PREACHED

Until it's preached everywhere. Every tribe, tongue, and nation deserves to hear the life-changing message of Jesus Christ.



MISSIONS ISN'T ABOUT DISTANCE

It's about obedience. God measures faithfulness, not miles traveled. Your calling is to respond with a willing heart.



YOU ARE PART OF THE PLAN

Whether you go, send, pray, or give—you have a role in God's global mission. No contribution is too small.

THREE KEY PRINCIPLES

Understanding these biblical truths will transform how you see your role in God's global mission and equip you to live with kingdom purpose every day.

1

THE GREAT COMMISSION IS FOR ALL BELIEVERS

Every follower of Jesus is called to make disciples
—no exceptions, no spectators.

2

MISSIONS STARTS LOCAL BUT REACHES GLOBAL

From your street to the nations, the gospel
spreads in ever-widening circles of impact.

3

THE MISSION IS FUELED BY THE SPIRIT AND THE CHURCH

We don't go alone—the Holy Spirit empowers us
and the church mobilizes together.

1. THE GREAT COMMISSION IS FOR ALL BELIEVERS

Matthew 28:19 and Mark 16:15 don't say "if you feel called." They say "Go." This is a divine command, not a polite suggestion. Every follower of Jesus is called to make disciples, regardless of age, background, or circumstance.



NO SPECTATORS, ONLY PARTICIPANTS

Imagine being part of a championship team but choosing to sit on the bench while others play. Too many believers treat missions that way—watching from the sidelines while a few "special" Christians do the work. But God's design is different. The mission belongs to every believer.

There are no spectators in the kingdom of God, only participants in the greatest movement in human history.



THE DIVINE COMMAND TO GO

"Go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit."

— Matthew 28:19

☐ **Remember:** The Great Commission isn't a suggestion—it's a command. The gospel is for all nations, all creation, and every believer carries the responsibility to share it.

2. MISSIONS STARTS LOCAL BUT REACHES GLOBAL

JERUSALEM: YOUR HOME

Your neighborhood, workplace, school—the people you see every day who need to encounter Jesus through your life.



JUDEA: YOUR REGION

Your city, county, and surrounding communities where you can extend God's love beyond your immediate circle.



SAMARIA: CROSS-CULTURAL

People different from you—other cultures, backgrounds, or communities that challenge you to step outside your comfort zone.



ENDS OF THE EARTH: GLOBAL

Nations unreached by the gospel, where believers risk everything to plant churches and share Christ's love.



Acts 1:8 gives us the blueprint: missions is both/and, not either/or. Like concentric circles on water when you drop a stone, the gospel spreads outward from where you stand.



**IF IT DOESN'T
START IN
YOUR STREET,
IT WON'T
REACH THE
NATIONS.**

You may never fly overseas as a missionary—and that's okay. You can still impact global missions powerfully by praying faithfully, giving generously, and supporting those who go. Every role matters in God's kingdom economy.

3. THE MISSION IS FUELED BY THE SPIRIT AND THE CHURCH



Acts 1:8 makes it clear: the Holy Spirit empowers us for mission. We don't manufacture passion, courage, or words on our own. The Spirit provides everything we need.



Romans 10:14–15 asks the pivotal question: "How can they hear without someone preaching to them?" The answer is they can't. People need messengers, and God has chosen to work through His church.

Think of missions like a relay race. One runner doesn't win the race alone—it takes a coordinated team passing the baton, cheering each other on, and running their leg with everything they have.

Missions is the church running together, powered by the Spirit's limitless energy. Some pray, some give, some go, some send—but all participate in the same divine mission.

"As the Father has sent me, I am sending you."

— John 20:21

 **Truth:** Missions without the Spirit is impossible; missions with the Spirit is unstoppable.



BREAKING THROUGH MISSION MISCONCEPTIONS

Too many believers sit on the sidelines because they believe myths about missions. Let's expose the lies and embrace the truth that sets us free to serve.



MYTH: "MISSIONS IS ONLY OVERSEAS"

Truth: Missions is across the street and across the world. Your neighbor needs Jesus just as much as someone in a distant country.



MYTH: "I'M TOO YOUNG TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE"

Truth: The disciples were young when Jesus sent them out. God uses willing hearts at every age and stage of life.



MYTH: "I DON'T HAVE ENOUGH TO GIVE"

Truth: Every prayer, every dollar, and every act of obedience counts in God's economy. He multiplies our small offerings into kingdom impact.

LIVING ON MISSION EVERY DAY

ADOPT A NATION IN PRAYER

Choose one country that God places on your heart. Commit to praying daily for revival, church growth, and the advancement of the gospel in that nation.

LIVE ON MISSION DAILY

Share the gospel naturally in your school, workplace, or community. Look for opportunities to demonstrate Christ's love through both words and actions.

SUPPORT GLOBAL MISSIONS

Give financially, pray consistently, or personally connect with missionaries serving abroad. Partner with those on the front lines of kingdom work.

These aren't just nice ideas—they're practical ways to join God's global mission starting today. Small faithful steps lead to kingdom transformation.

YOUR MISSION STARTS NOW

1. PRAY DAILY FOR ONE PERSON IN YOUR "JERUSALEM"

Ask God to open doors for gospel conversations and soften hearts to receive His truth.

2. PRAY WEEKLY FOR ONE NATION IN THE WORLD

Intercede for unreached people groups, persecuted believers, and laborers in the harvest.

3. ASK GOD HOW HE WANTS YOU INVOLVED IN HIS GLOBAL MISSION

Listen for His voice. He may call you to go, send, pray, or give—but He will show you your role.

Group Declaration: "I am sent. I am a witness. I will carry the gospel from my street to the nations."

Speak this truth over your life. You are not waiting for a calling—you already have one. The Great Commission is clear: it's for every believer, it starts local and ripples global, and it's fueled by the Spirit through the church working together.

MISSIONS ISN'T ABOUT WHERE YOU ARE—IT'S ABOUT WHO YOU CARRY.



You carry the light of Jesus Christ—the hope of the world, the answer to every human longing, the truth that sets captives free. That light doesn't belong to you alone. It's meant to shine in your neighborhood, illuminate your city, and reach the darkest corners of the earth.

The question isn't whether you're called to missions. You are. The question is: How will you respond?

Will you pray? Will you give? Will you go? Will you send?



God is inviting you into the greatest adventure in human history—the global mission to make disciples of all nations. Your obedience today creates ripples that will reach eternity.

I'm Ready to Go