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Preface for the Kingdom Culture Series

We have tarried before the Lord for some time to receive a rhema concerning how to introduce the books in the series you are about to read. He directed us to share a little bit of how He ordered our steps over a 21-year period between 1996-2017.

In 1996, the Lord called us out of denominationalism to serve His Body and Kingdom. As we resigned from a Pastoral calling and began to serve Him and the Body in a community in Africa (Owerri, Imo State of Nigeria), we held on to one critical vision He released beginning August 1996. At that time, we joined other saints to lament the sad state of Africa on almost all fronts of life. It was surreal to hear the Lord comfort us by saying He had appointed His Church in Africa as instrument of a quick work: Rescuing His Kingdom program in the earth realm from corruption in preparation for the return of King Yeshua, Jesus.

In August 2006, He directed us to relocate to London which as centre of the world would make our Acts 1:8 assignment more impactful on a global scale. Looking back, because we did not see it then, it is significant that it was 100 years after Azusa Street Revival that the Lord in 2006 birthed Global School of Ministry as a catalyst of Reformation, Restoration, and Revival. Again, we did not see clearly then how extensively it was to be used to rediscover Truths which were missed out by Martin Luther in the Protestant Reformation of 1517.

Interestingly, the Lord used various means to make it clear what He was about to do was not raise a man or woman, like Martin Luther was raised prominently and publicly. But rather activate a company of saints worldwide with understanding of Him and the Church. A company of saints who embrace His Kingdom pattern and take their place as His sons who would do all His will. In this regard, the Lord made it clear the election of His Church in Africa was not for the purpose of building an 'African Cultural Church'. The wider and more strategic scope was to use it to use His remnant 'out of the seed of Ham' to impact and connect His seed out of Shem and Japheth to constitute the fourth race which is the Elect Remnant or 'one new man' spoken of by Apostle Paul.

In other words, the focus of the Lord was simply to use the Global School of Ministry project to activate His elect remnant to walk in unity of the Faith. And, be empowered to represent Him and the Kingdom right where they are in various corners of the world where He preserved them from the claws of Babylon. It was then Holy Spirit provided illumination of this anchor scripture:

Romans 11:5 (KJV) *5 Even so then at this present time also there is a remnant according to the election of grace.*

There is a simple, yet grand key to understand the fundamental difference between the Martin Luther Protestant Reformation and the Kingdom Culture project. The Reformation of Martin Luther was designed to 'Protest' some of the dogma and practices of the Roman Catholic Church when he received revelation of their unbiblical origins.

The Kingdom Culture project, on the other hand, is designed to take the Church back to what it was before the Roman Empire embraced the larger wing of the Church which was tired of persecution and

martyrdom in the 4th Century. In other words, through the Kingdom Culture project, the Omega or End Time Church will be a logical conclusion of what had started in the Alpha or First Century Church.

Unlike other reformation projects before it, Kingdom Culture, through the Global School of Ministry and annual Master Class series of the Global Advanced Mentorship Program have two simple keys: Get the Church back into the 'School' Paradigm where Study of the Word is central to both congregational and general ministry. Second, to challenge all saints to receive the Four-dimensional work of Holy Spirit: He Is the Seal of redemption; He uses the Word to Transform Life of Believers from inside out, He Unites saints to live as one indivisible Body of Yeshua notwithstanding their locations or sects; He releases Power through which saints are able to demonstrate the awesome powers of the Risen Yeshua, Jesus!

These are accomplished when leaders and saints sincerely and diligently embrace the ministry of Holy Spirit and the Word through the **T>T>E>A>R process**. It is one where leaders are used by Holy Spirit to:

- **Teach** saints the whole counsel of Holy Scriptures
- **Train** saints to discover and take their places as effective members of the Body of Yeshua
- **Equip** saints with what it takes to walk in victory through mentorship and support
- **Activate** the Gifts and callings of Holy Spirit which may lie dormant in them
- **Release** the saints into productive ministry. This may be by public ordination or Commissioning during ministry events.

500 years after the Protestant Reformation of 1517, the Lord Yeshua, Jesus is activating throughout the earth realm this framework. The framework through which Holy Spirit will undertake training of Reformers who will receive proper understanding of the Pauline Epistles and Master Plan of the true Kingdom Church contained therein, and build individual lives, ministries and congregations accordingly.

This Kingdom Culture project involves release of 40 books on dedicated websites where all saints worldwide who desire to discover, pursue and fulfil their callings as the Royal Priesthood after the order of Melchizedeck can find the teaching resources to train in the comfort of their own homes.

On the other hand, these 40 books will put in the hands of the great company of elect ministers across the world who know the flock is not theirs but Yeshua's. These books are tools with which to systematically transform the operating systems of the ministries committed to their trust from 'Theatres' to 'Schools'. These books collectively make up the curriculum with which to launch their own Global School of Ministry project. The curriculum will ensure every two or three years, fresh sets of fit-for-purpose ministers of the gospel who will serve the Lord with all their hearts are produced.

All 40 books on the websites constitute what it takes to root out the leaven of Babylon derived from our various experiences with Christian Religion. They therefore constitute what we need to embrace and walk in true Kingdom Culture. It is through ministry of the Word that the Church will be prepared and made ready for return of her Groom:

Ephesians 5:25-27 (KJV) *25 Husbands, love your wives, even as Christ also loved the church, and gave himself for it; 26 that he might sanctify and cleanse it with the washing of water by the word, 27 That he might present it to himself a glorious church, not having spot, or wrinkle, or any such thing; but that it should be holy and without blemish.*

Please intentionally study this and the other resources in the series prayerfully under unction of Holy Spirit with your Bible to confirm all the points made. As you train, necessity is upon you to make your vessel available for Holy Spirit to use to transmit these empowering truths to other saints who yearn for empowerment!

Psalm 68:11 (KJV) 11 *The Lord gave **the** word: **great was the company** of those that published it.*

2 Timothy 2:2 (KJV) 2 *And the things that thou hast heard of me among many witnesses, the same commit thou to faithful men, who shall be able to teach others also.*

May Elohim, our heavenly Father make you the instrument of His Grace He designed you to be!

Use of the Hebraic Names of the Most High

Yahweh, Elohim, Yeshua. During our walk with the Lord, we discovered by leading of Holy Spirit how fundamentally flawed was the intrusion of Rome into the gospel from 4th Century AD. Replacement Theology led Rome to take away all Hebraic/Jewish connections as root of what is now called the Christian Faith. What He has led us to do is to call our Father by the Name He revealed Himself to Israel which is Yahweh. In the same way, rather than call our Creator by the generic title God, we find it more appropriate to call Him by the Hebraic Name He revealed to humanity through Moses which is Elohim. The Name, Elohim properly conveys His Unity in Plurality as Father, Son, and Holy Spirit! We also call our King the Name His Father gave Him, Yeshua as well as the Anglicized translation, Jesus derived from the Greek translation, Ioseus.

We do this as led by Holy Spirit, not as part of the so-called sacred Names movement. Neither do we subscribe to the legalistic methods of Judaizers who are intent on dragging saints into the dead works and rituals of Judaism. We do not condemn or malign those who have not yet caught this depth of revelation. Please feel free to call the Most High by what He reveals to you and what you are comfortable with.

Chapter 1

Introduction

Introduction

Men have tried to complicate a very simple assignment of Elohim, to the point the message has lost its cutting edge. Yeshua, Jesus came essentially as the Paschal Lamb, to die for the sins of the whole world.

John 1:29 (KJV) *29 The next day John seeth Jesus coming unto him, and saith, Behold the Lamb of God, which taketh away the sin of the world.*

After His death and resurrection, He charged the Church to declare the good news of a solution to the hitherto intractable Sin problem to humanity so “whoever” believes shall be saved.

Mark 16:15-16 (KJV) *15 And he said unto them, Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature. 16 He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved; but he that believeth not shall be damned.*

The Great Commission is therefore, first and foremost, a declaration of the good news of salvation. However, the going forth of a believer is enhanced if he or she is first a witness to the power of Yeshua to save from sin as Acts 1:8 demands.

Acts 1:8 (KJV) *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.*

It is essential to affirm that salvation of souls is just part of the whole picture and should never be treated as an end in itself. The reason is Yeshua, Jesus came not just to save the lost but also to ensure their transition from the kingdom of Satan to the Kingdom of God and from darkness to light!

Colossians 1:12-14 (KJV) *12 Giving thanks unto the Father, which hath made us meet to be partakers of the inheritance of the saints in light: 13 Who hath delivered us from the power of darkness, and hath translated us into the kingdom of his dear Son: 14 In whom we have redemption through his blood, even the forgiveness of sins:*

Ultimately therefore, there is need to have this full picture in focus, so the Church does not end up producing people who are “saved” and yet live by the philosophies of men driven by the influence of the Prince of the Power of the air.

A. The ‘Cheapened Gospel’ which is not based on the Great Commission

One of the reasons the Body of Yeshua seems to have been boxed into the corner of gathering Milk drinking babes is the utilitarian gospel is the wrong perception of what the Great Commission is. The outcome of this error is the wrong emphasis on numbers at Evangelistic meetings. In effect, most evangelists have rated their core assignment as merely to have the largest possible number of people fill out “decision cards” and say the “sinner’s’ prayer” and they consider their work done.

Nothing could be further from the truth. That someone filled a decision card or said the sinner’s prayer does not make that one a saint. The broken lives which follow many who have done those two rituals attest to this truism. The careless way in which major ministers and ministries seem to have cheapened

the process of entry into the Kingdom – in which repentance from Sin is not emphasized but rather certain rituals such as filling out ‘decision cards’ or mass repetition of the ‘sinner’s prayer’ said with speed may be a function of what Yeshua warned against in the parable of the Tares.

Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43 (KJV) *24 Another parable put he forth unto them, saying, The kingdom of heaven is likened unto a man which sowed good seed in his field: 25 But while men slept, his enemy came and sowed tares among the wheat, and went his way. 26 But when the blade was sprung up, and brought forth fruit, then appeared the tares also. 27 So the servants of the householder came and said unto him, Sir, didst not thou sow good seed in thy field? from whence then hath it tares? 28 He said unto them, An enemy hath done this. The servants said unto him, Wilt thou then that we go and gather them up? 29 But he said, Nay; lest while ye gather up the tares, ye root up also the wheat with them. 30 Let both grow together until the harvest: and in the time of harvest I will say to the reapers, Gather ye together first the tares, and bind them in bundles to burn them: but gather the wheat into my barn.*

36 Then Jesus sent the multitude away, and went into the house: and his disciples came unto him, saying, Declare unto us the parable of the tares of the field. 37 He answered and said unto them, He that soweth the good seed is the Son of man; 38 The field is the world; the good seed are the children of the kingdom; but the tares are the children of the wicked one; 39 The enemy that sowed them is the devil; the harvest is the end of the world; and the reapers are the angels. 40 As therefore the tares are gathered and burned in the fire; so shall it be in the end of this world. 41 The Son of man shall send forth his angels, and they shall gather out of his kingdom all things that offend, and them which do iniquity; 42 And shall cast them into a furnace of fire: there shall be wailing and gnashing of teeth. 43 Then shall the righteous shine forth as the sun in the kingdom of their Father. Who hath ears to hear, let him hear.

The reality that Satan is actively planting ‘Christian Tares’ is dawning on many saints across the world as they see many called by the Name of Yeshua live in active Sin as a lifestyle with no restraint! While those who are deceived remain blinded to their own sad states, Elohim is lifting the veil so His remnant can understand that scripture is being fulfilled through the watered-down gospel that is based on drawing crowds of people to popular preachers and ministries that are projected as ‘successful’ through the Mass and social media.

In another passage of the Holy Scriptures, Yeshua clearly warned that two ways would be before all who desire to be part of His Kingdom and recommended all sincere seekers should choose wisely:

Matthew 7:13-14 (KJV) *13 Enter ye in at the strait gate: for wide is the gate, and broad is the way, that leadeth to destruction, and many there be which go in thereat: 14 Because strait is the gate, and narrow is the way, which leadeth unto life, and few there be that find it.*

Further explanation of the two ways:

i. The Strait Gate and Narrow Way: This is one which requires true heart conversion with evidence in the fruit of a changed life and lifestyle based on choices which glorify Elohim.

Matthew 3:2, 7-8, 10 (KJV) *2 And saying, Repent ye: for the kingdom of heaven is at hand.*

7 But when he saw many of the Pharisees and Sadducees come to his baptism, he said unto them, O generation of vipers, who hath warned you to flee from the wrath to come? 8 Bring forth therefore fruits meet for repentance:

10 And now also the axe is laid unto the root of the trees: therefore every tree which bringeth not forth good fruit is hewn down, and cast into the fire.

ii. The Broad way which would not require people to experience heart change. In this case, they would be deceived into a false sense of security to flock around men and women who lead ‘Churches’ or ‘Ministries’ engaged in various kinds of religious activities in His Name but essentially not of Him!

Matthew 7:15-23 (KJV) *15 Beware of false prophets, which come to you in sheep's clothing, but inwardly they are ravening wolves. 16 Ye shall know them by their fruits. Do men gather grapes of thorns, or figs of thistles? 17 Even so every good tree bringeth forth good fruit; but a corrupt tree bringeth forth evil fruit. 18 A good tree cannot bring forth evil fruit, neither can a corrupt tree bring forth good fruit. 19 Every tree that bringeth not forth good fruit is hewn down, and cast into the fire. 20 Wherefore by their fruits ye shall know them. 21 Not every one that saith unto me, Lord, Lord, shall enter into the kingdom of heaven; but he that doeth the will of my Father which is in heaven. 22 Many will say to me in that day, Lord, Lord, have we not prophesied in thy name? and in thy name have cast out devils? and in thy name done many wonderful works? 23 And then will I profess unto them, I never knew you: depart from me, ye that work iniquity.*

Course Synopsis

It is needful therefore for us to wait on the Lord and download from His Throne a proper understanding of what the Great Commission is. Through various chapters we will examine different aspects of this critical course.

We shall therefore examine, among others, these issues:

- What is the Great Commission? • What are components of the Great Commission? • Who is to execute the Great Commission? • In the post-modern Western culture, what are the range of tools that can be deployed? • What does it mean to be a witness? • What is the role of miracles, signs and wonders in the Great Commission?

The Great Commission: An Overview; Definition of terms

B. Understanding the Great Commission

Question: What is the Great Commission?

Answer: The Great Commission is “the mandate Yeshua, Jesus gave to the whole Church to preach the full gospel of the Kingdom of Elohim to the whole world and make disciples of all nations as a prelude to His return to rule and reign on planet earth.”

Matthew 28:18-20 (KJV) *18 And Jesus came and spake unto them, saying, All power is given unto me in heaven and in earth. 19 Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost: 20 Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and, lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world. Amen.*

Explaining this definition

A proper understanding of this working definition will clear much of the confusion which surrounds this critical mandate. Satan has laboured relentlessly to induce so much confusion amongst Christians to the

point what should have united all who claim to belong to Yeshua is now the very epicentre of controversy and division. Pentecostals are at war with Evangelicals; some who claim they are Kingdom citizens refuse to speak of the Great Commission. Where they do at all, it's to focus on gaps in the understanding of traditional Christian teachings on the gospel of Salvation to rubbish everything else about personal salvation. Satan must be laughing at those who claim to belong to Yeshua as they bicker with strident voices of self-righteousness!

If we all humble ourselves and allow the Word of Elohim to be the final authority over our lives, theologies and practices, all the divisions will disappear. This working definition postulates as follows:

1. Yeshua, Jesus is the one who mandates the Great Commission. His capacity to give the mandate flows directly from these realities:

- the fact He successfully completed the redemption mission by His unique, sinless life and role as teacher of the gospel of the Kingdom (John 14:30; Matthew 28:18).
- His passion and death as an appropriate sacrifice for the redemption of all who believe on Him (John 1:29; John 19:30).
- the fact that He rose again as proof that the Father received His shed blood as sufficient to atone for the original sin of Adam (1 Corinthians 15:12-23; Hebrews 9:1-28);
- His Ascension to heaven to sit at the place of glory and honour until the day He returns (Acts 1: 9-11; Hebrews 10:11-18).

2. The Great Commission is a mandate. It is not a suggestion. It is not something any true saint can opt out of or be excused from. It is a mandate or Command which is tied to the very reason why we were saved in the first place and translated from the kingdom of darkness to the Kingdom of Elohim and left here on planet earth. In Yeshua, Elohim poured out His love in order that we will be saved and translated into His Kingdom (John 3:16; Colossians 1:12-14, 21-23).

In the economy of Elohim, the love He poured out to us embraces and grips us to be channels through whom that same love is transmitted and expressed to those who are yet in darkness (2 Corinthians 5:15-21).

We are saved to serve Elohim and be instruments of saving as many as can receive Him and also become citizens of His Kingdom.

3. The Great Commission is a Mandate to the Whole Church. The Church is the Body of Yeshua – the totality of all who have put their faith for salvation from Satan and sin in the atoning work of Yeshua, Jesus at the Cross. The Church is beyond human comprehension and can only be received by revelation and by acceptance of the testimony of the Word of the Lord. The Great Commission is for every single person within the fullness of the Body of Yeshua to execute. It is not just for healing evangelists; it is not just for “evangelicals” neither is it an exclusive preserve of a select few. All saints are called to identify their appointed places in the Great Commission and fulfil it! The corporality of The Great Commission is defined clearly in the wordings of this passage. Please note the use of ‘they’, ‘them’:

Mark 16:15-18 (KJV) *15 And he said unto them, Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature. 16 He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved; but he that believeth not shall be damned. 17 And these signs*

shall follow them that believe; In my name shall they cast out devils; they shall speak with new tongues; 18 They shall take up serpents; and if they drink any deadly thing, it shall not hurt them; they shall lay hands on the sick, and they shall recover.

4. The Great Commission mandates us to preach the full gospel of the Kingdom of Elohim. It is unfortunate that Christian Religion, otherwise known as 'Churchianity' has operated largely in the dark concerning the Kingdom

Matthew 24:14 (KJV) *14 And this gospel of the kingdom shall be preached in all the world for a witness unto all nations; and then shall the end come.*

This message is the awesome opportunity for lost humanity to reconnect back to Elohim through the blood Yeshua Jesus shed and be translated from the Kingdom of Satan to the Kingdom of Elohim. It is a message that provides solutions to the present needs of mortal man so he/she can find and live out the present phase of an eternal life. It is also a message which gives meaning to life as it switches from blind loyalty to self and Satan and makes pursuit of Elohim and His Kingdom a priority (Matthew 6:19-34).

Matthew 6:33 (KJV) *33 But seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you.*

This takes away pressure arising from the rat race to "succeed" and releases righteousness, peace and joy in the Holy Spirit (Romans 14:17-19) into the heart or spirit-man of a saint. It is also a message of hope that answers the question of the ages concerning what next after this life as we receive assurance of the roles we will play when Yeshua, Jesus returns physically to rule and reign as King of Kings and Lord of Lords. Whoever will leave off this holistic package to preach only about salvation from sin is not doing well and will only produce babes who are ever consumers of the grace of God, unable to mature as sons in the Kingdom of Elohim!

5. The Great Commission mandates us to make disciples of all nations!

Yeshua did not just send us to gather crowds of milk-drinking babes. The sad state of most believers is described in this:

Hebrews 5:12-14 (KJV) *12 For when for the time ye ought to be teachers, ye have need that one teach you again which be the first principles of the oracles of God; and are become such as have need of milk, and not of strong meat. 13 For every one that useth milk is unskilful in the word of righteousness: for he is a babe. 14 But strong meat belongeth to them that are of full age, even those who by reason of use have their senses exercised to discern both good and evil.*

While sinners come into the Kingdom as Babes needing milk, embedded in the Great Commission is a strategic plan to be intentionally pursued which grows those who believe on Him to one day transition to be followers of Him!

Matthew 28:19-20 (KJV) *19 Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost: 20 Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and, lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world. Amen.*

Two aspects of this discipleship deserve further examination:

- **We are not just to help people to be saved.** That they should be disciples of Yeshua is not an option. It is the focal point of our work. But, our aim should not be for them to fill decision cards or just pray 'sinner's prayers' with cameras rolling. That is but the beginning of a process. The Lord wants those who believe in Him to be nurtured to become saints who take responsibility for furthering the cause of the Kingdom. Again, we are to locate our own part in this holistic process and play it well.
- **Ultimately, we must rise in the dimension of the Spirit to subdue all opposition to ensure whole nations and people groups are disciplined!** As Elohim provides opportunity in response to our right understanding and earnest prayers, we can be given on behalf of Yeshua, the nations for an inheritance.

That way, the ethics of the Kingdom can be brought to bear on such peoples and nations and they can enjoy the righteousness, peace, joy and prosperity of those whose believe in the Elohim of the Holy Scriptures. Elohim will also raise up many of His saints to prominence at various levels of society, so they can exert Kingdom influence on their peers, systems and generation. It needs to be explained however that the majority of humans will reject the ways of Elohim and the free Salvation offered through Yeshua. They will suffer the consequence of such rejection. A day is coming when the kingdoms of this world will become the Kingdom of Yeshua!

Revelations 11:15 (KJV) *15 And the seventh angel sounded; and there were great voices in heaven, saying, The kingdoms of this world are become the kingdoms of our Lord, and of his Christ; and he shall reign for ever and ever.*

6. Yeshua, Jesus will return to rule and reign on earth!

The mandate given to the Church is time bound. Elohim has appointed a date and time which no man knows when Yeshua will return to subdue all rebellion and establish the full phase of the Kingdom (Matthew 24:36,44; Matthew 28:20; Acts 1:8-11).

The period between the day Yeshua ascended to heaven and poured out the Holy Spirit till when He will return in Majesty and Power to rule and reign from Jerusalem is called the Church age of the Kingdom. The dominant instrument on earth through which Elohim manifests Himself and reveals Yeshua is the Church. The Church is not the building but the sons of Elohim who are called out of this world system and its evil ruler, Satan. Any preaching that does not announce His return is incomplete and potentially open to satanic manipulation! (Matthew 24:1-51)

When saints are persuaded that the King will return on a date known to no one and He will rule and reign with overcomers, they will

- Live holy, stay unspotted from the world system, watching and praying like the wise Virgins of Matthew 25.
- They will invest all at their disposal – life, money, time and other assets to fulfil the Great Commission, knowing full well that reigning with Him is sufficient compensation!

Selected critical readings: Matthew 28:18-20; Mark 16:15-18; Luke 24:36-53;

Please read also these parables and illustrations: Luke 19:11-17; Further readings include: Luke 14:15-35; Luke 15:1-32; Luke 16:19 -31; Luke 17:20-37

Review Questions

1. Please discuss the cheap 'Alternative Gospel' which makes many tares to be planted in the Church, bound for destruction on the Last day
2. What is the Great Commission?
3. Please discuss any 3 of the 6 bases on which the Great Commission rests.

Chapter 2

Six Critical Components

Critical Components of the Great Commission

Our first chapter established a working definition of The Great Commission as “the mandate Jesus Christ gave to the whole Church to preach the full gospel of the Kingdom of God to the whole world and make disciples of all nations as a prelude to His return to rule and reign on planet earth.”

We will now build on that foundation by articulating, as the Holy Spirit leads, all the components which combine to make the Great Commission a divine mandate that can be achieved if we have the heart to obey; the right attitude and willingness to spend and be spent in loving service to He who gave all to redeem us.

The 6 critical components which make the Great Commission complete and effective.

Right Understanding of these components is essential. We need to have a proper understanding of responsibilities of the redeemed and The Church in reconciling the lost to their Father, Elohim. When we understand what the Great Commission is and our responsibilities are, it will take away all misinformation, confusion and assumptions which only serve to becloud the main issues!

#.1. Go Ye Paradigm/Mindset – This implies a posture of going forth by all of the Church to all of the host community, nation, region and nations of the world as necessary for fulfilment of the Great Commission. The Lord wants His Church to be a “go forth” organism rather than a dry religious organisation which invites people to ‘Come Here’ as into their various buildings to be part of a denominated entity.

When the first or Alpha Church at Jerusalem forgot this critical aspect of the Great Commission, it settled down in the city and relapsed into maintenance of welfare and related distractions from the main thing.

The results were negative in many respects! These include:

- Backsliding (as in the case of Ananias and Sapphira in Acts 5:1-11);
- Bickering over food rations (as in Acts 6:1-4).

The Lord had to use the fire of persecution to scatter them away from their comfort zones. In the process, Phillip - who was only good enough to serve tables in Jerusalem - was forced to enter Samaria and Elohim used him to turn the city upside down (Acts 8:1- 8).

Let us note, when the Apostles discovered this truth and handed over welfare and administrative duties to deacons, growth ensued as Yeshua took responsibility for building His Church again, leading to increase:

Acts 6:7 (KJV) *7 And the word of God increased; and the number of the disciples multiplied in Jerusalem greatly; and a great company of the priests were obedient to the faith.*

Applications for today

There is need today for Apostles, Prophets, Evangelists, Pastors and Teachers in the Kingdom to hand over administrative, financial and other support tasks of congregations to those gifted in Helps and administration in order to concentrate on the main assignments of Prayer, Ministering the Word (teaching and training) in order to equip saints for the work of ministry. In this way, leaders concentrate on exercising spiritual oversight which involves holding the vision in trust and investment of quality time in casting the vision and capacity building to prepare saints who will go for the Lord.

For this to happen, leaders need to get off their easy chairs and out of their comfort zones and begin to model right Kingdom attitudes, especially in the area of going forth from their localities to their cities, nations and uttermost parts of the world for missionary work. If leaders begin to live out missionary mindedness, the saints will follow. In the same vein, Apostles and Prophets anointed with wisdom, grace and capacity to break the ground in the Market Place and divide same as an inheritance for saints must shake of religiosity and engage therein. There is nothing secular about the market place! It is, as a matter of fact, the greatest frontier in the Great Commission!

#.2. Preaching of the simple gospel of Salvation by Grace and the Kingdom accessible by Faith in Yeshua so those who hear will have a fair chance to respond as they are persuaded.

Those who receive Yeshua, Jesus in the process are translated from darkness to light and from the kingdom of Satan to the Kingdom of Elohim. Everyone redeemed by the Blood should be able to preach the simple gospel of Salvation by Grace and the Kingdom of Elohim. By studying the word, being open to the Holy Spirit and receiving instructions such as the one Elohim is offering freely here in Global School of Ministry, all saints can be equipped to proclaim the truth.

Every human being on earth has an Elohim-ordained fundamental right to hear the gospel of Salvation by Grace and the Kingdom accessible by Faith in Yeshua! But, let it be noted saints are not commanded to force people to accept Yeshua, Jesus neither are they to go forth out of a guilt complex or in strife to increase their particular congregations and earn bigger revenue through tithes and offerings.

A better basis of preaching is out of love for Elohim and fellow humans. The job is to proclaim the truth and not to "win souls". Those who hear us have a fundamental opportunity to accept or reject the message. The gospel we preach is true and liberating. If they reject it however, they will answer to Elohim for their decisions on the last day (Matthew 10:1-42).

#.3. A Go Ye mindset calls for rejection of the love of crowds massed together in favour of deliberate, Holy Spirit-led planting of smaller Fellowships/Congregations to disciple Saints.

We need to break off the mentality of the Church as the building which is ornately furnished! The Church is the people, redeemed by the Blood of Yeshua. The saints can meet anywhere there is available space. It could be in the living room of a brother or sister; inside a shop; in a basement; on a trailer, boat or a community centre or even in the park during spring, summer and autumn!

Where we meet is not the issue. The key thing is to congregate at a venue most convenient for the saints whether as home/cell fellowships or as local congregations. For those in persecuted regions such

as China, North Korea and Islamic nations, there is no option than to catch this revelation so the purpose of Elohim is fostered even behind closed doors!

Pastors must begin to look at maps of their cities, determine where saints come from and plant local centres for fellowship or allow home cell fellowships to emerge. That way, the danger of saints being lost in the crowd will be negated as accountability and transparency takes place where saints know each other very well. Saints can then congregate together once a week, fortnight, monthly or quarterly in the central fellowship to enjoy deeper insight and greater impartation as well as network effectively as products of the same vision. The regularity of converging together should be as led by the Holy Spirit.

This does not imply ministries and congregations should not acquire and utilize buildings! It simply means we must have the right frame of reference to do so. The buildings we rent, lease or own are not the Church. Each building where saints fellowship should rather be seen as a forum where we congregate for fellowship, receive teaching, training, equipping, activation of our spiritual gifts and released to go and make disciples where they are!

As the Lord smiles upon the work, it can increase, and great growth can take place. Where this happens, we need to read from the pattern of the Alpha Church which managed such through the Cell/House Fellowship system.

Acts 2:41-47 (KJV) *41 Then they that gladly received his word were baptized: and the same day there were added unto them about three thousand souls. 42 And they continued stedfastly in the apostles' doctrine and fellowship, and in breaking of bread, and in prayers. 43 And fear came upon every soul: and many wonders and signs were done by the apostles. 44 And all that believed were together, and had all things common; 45 And sold their possessions and goods, and parted them to all men, as every man had need. 46 And they, continuing daily with one accord in the temple, and breaking bread from house to house, did eat their meat with gladness and singleness of heart, 47 Praising God, and having favour with all the people. And the Lord added to the church daily such as should be saved.*

A church building acquires significance only as it serves as a Teaching, Training and Equipping centre!

#.4. Ensure that Saints are transitioned through divinely appointed methods and processes from mere believers to become disciples of Yeshua who He lives through to manifest His Personality, Nature, Presence and Power.

What we do in our congregations – small, mid-sized or big - is to be taught to observe all things Yeshua, Jesus did and taught. Here, there is a systematic presentation of the whole truth of the Word to those who repent of their sins and accept Yeshua as Saviour.

Matthew 28:20 (KJV) *20 Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and, lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world. Amen.*

Anyone can believe on the Lord. But, Discipleship enables saints to make the critical heart decision to go a step further to be followers who enthrone Yeshua as Lord/King of their lives. By Lord we mean the King who rules and reigns in their heart and whose Word is a Law unto them. They thus lose their identity in Him and become mere vessels through which He manifests His will, Presence and Power. Disciples are secure citizens of the Kingdom where their primary loyalty lies with King Yeshua. They dare

not do anything on their own except what they hear from the Lord who leads them in all things by His Holy Spirit that resides in them.

Disciples understand in a real sense, they are the Church, as dwelling places of the Most High who by His Spirit has full residency there. Disciples also know they have no option than to love the brethren, live in unity with others and not forsake the assembling together of the saints. Fellowship to them is not an option but the avenue through which the evident Presence and Power of Yeshua is aggregated for greater manifestation than if they lived and acted alone (1 Corinthians 6:19, 20; John 13:34,35; John 17:1-26; Ephesians 4:1-7; Hebrews 10:24,25).

Matthew 18:20 (KJV) *20 For where two or three are gathered together in my name, there am I in the midst of them.*

#.5. All Disciples are to be Trained, Equipped, Activated and Released to reproduce after kind.

In other words, disciples are to continue the circle (that is 1-4 above) within their spheres of influence according to the Grace, Calling and Gifts of Holy Spirit at work in them.

John 15:16 (KJV) *16 Ye have not chosen me, but I have chosen you, and ordained you, that ye should go and bring forth fruit, and that your fruit should remain: that whatsoever ye shall ask of the Father in my name, he may give it you.*

2 Timothy 2:2 (KJV) *2 And the things that thou hast heard of me among many witnesses, the same commit thou to faithful men, who shall be able to teach others also.*

This calls for a paradigm of empowerment of ALL saints who are part of any true Christian Ministry. It was for this reason Yeshua gave the Church the Fivefold!

Ephesians 4:11-16 (KJV) *11 And he gave some, apostles; and some, prophets; and some, evangelists; and some, pastors and teachers; 12 For the perfecting of the saints, for the work of the ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ: 13 Till we all come in the unity of the faith, and of the knowledge of the Son of God, unto a perfect man, unto the measure of the stature of the fulness of Christ: 14 That we henceforth be no more children, tossed to and fro, and carried about with every wind of doctrine, by the sleight of men, and cunning craftiness, whereby they lie in wait to deceive; 15 But speaking the truth in love, may grow up into him in all things, which is the head, even Christ: 16 From whom the whole body fitly joined together and compacted by that which every joint supplieth, according to the effectual working in the measure of every part, maketh increase of the body unto the edifying of itself in love.*

Majority of ministers prefer to give milk to saints, so they get accustomed to their voices and ideas. Some ministers dare to give meat to the saints. The truth is empowerment does not diminish but rather enhances ministry.

#.6. Provision of Care for the most vulnerable and poor

A critical component of the Great Commission = which saints and ministers tend to easily forget - is good works which shall be so evident sinners and human governments cannot but acknowledge the Kingdom of Heaven is amongst them! This means we are to see people as spirit, soul and bodies needing holistic ministry! King Yeshua, Jesus commanded us to be His Light and Salt in a dark and corrupt world

Matthew 5:13-16 (KJV) *13 Ye are the salt of the earth: but if the salt have lost his savour, wherewith shall it be salted? it is thenceforth good for nothing, but to be cast out, and to be trodden under foot of men. 14 Ye are the light of the world. A city that is set on an hill cannot be hid. 15 Neither do men light a candle, and put it under a bushel, but on a candlestick; and it giveth light unto all that are in the house. 16 Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven.*

He also asked us to be so engaged in good works amongst the worthy and unworthy that people will attribute it to the nature of our Father in Heaven (Matthew 5:43-48).

Philippians 2:12-16 (KJV) *12 Wherefore, my beloved, as ye have always obeyed, not as in my presence only, but now much more in my absence, work out your own salvation with fear and trembling. 13 For it is God which worketh in you both to will and to do of his good pleasure. 14 Do all things without murmurings and disputings: 15 That ye may be blameless and harmless, the sons of God, without rebuke, in the midst of a crooked and perverse nation, among whom ye shine as lights in the world; 16 Holding forth the word of life; that I may rejoice in the day of Christ, that I have not run in vain, neither laboured in vain.*

1 Peter 2:9-12 (KJV) *9 But ye are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, an holy nation, a peculiar people; that ye should shew forth the praises of him who hath called you out of darkness into his marvellous light; 10 Which in time past were not a people, but are now the people of God: which had not obtained mercy, but now have obtained mercy. 11 Dearly beloved, I beseech you as strangers and pilgrims, abstain from fleshly lusts, which war against the soul; 12 Having your conversation honest among the Gentiles: that, whereas they speak against you as evildoers, they may by your good works, which they shall behold, glorify God in the day of visitation.*

In one passage, Yeshua made it plain good works done in His Name will be one of the basis of Judgment in the hereafter.

Matthew 25:31-40 (KJV) *31 When the Son of man shall come in his glory, and all the holy angels with him, then shall he sit upon the throne of his glory: 32 And before him shall be gathered all nations: and he shall separate them one from another, as a shepherd divideth his sheep from the goats: 33 And he shall set the sheep on his right hand, but the goats on the left. 34 Then shall the King say unto them on his right hand, Come, ye blessed of my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world: 35 For I was an hungred, and ye gave me meat: I was thirsty, and ye gave me drink: I was a stranger, and ye took me in: 36 Naked, and ye clothed me: I was sick, and ye visited me: I was in prison, and ye came unto me. 37 Then shall the righteous answer him, saying, Lord, when saw we thee an hungred, and fed thee? or thirsty, and gave thee drink? 38 When saw we thee a stranger, and took thee in? or naked, and clothed thee? 39 Or when saw we thee sick, or in prison, and came unto thee? 40 And the King shall answer and say unto them, Verily I say unto you, Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these my brethren, ye have done it unto me.*

Saints as individuals, families, congregations and ministries need to re-order their value system. Funds need to be deliberately set aside and invested in good works for the poor and most vulnerable in our localities, communities, cities, nations and uttermost parts of the earth! It takes sacrifice to be fully engaged with the heartbeat of the King! If we care for the poor, we honour their Father Abba!

Psalms 50:5 (KJV) *5 Gather my saints together unto me; those that have made a covenant with me by sacrifice.*

Ministries and individuals who can afford it should invest in social care building and running hospitals, schools, nurseries where sinners and saints can receive care and support far above the best that the State and Corporate world can provide at far less prices!

Review Questions

1. Please discuss any 3 of the 6 critical components of the Great Commission.
2. What new thing did you learn?

Chapter 3

The Ministry Example of Yeshua: A holistic gospel

The Gospels reveal Yeshua as He modelled the process of turning people from sinners to saints; empowering the saved and catering for the holistic wellbeing of the people. In order to fulfil the Great Commission, we need to look up to Him, not the worldly system of gathering crowds around human superstars!

Hebrews 12:2 (KJV) *2 Looking unto Jesus the author and finisher of our faith; who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is set down at the right hand of the throne of God.*

#.1. He preached the gospel of the Kingdom which required repentance or change of heart.

In this way, He called people from darkness to the light in Him as He went across towns and villages of Israel.

Matthew 4:17-22 (KJV) *17 From that time Jesus began to preach, and to say, Repent: for the kingdom of heaven is at hand. 18 And Jesus, walking by the sea of Galilee, saw two brethren, Simon called Peter, and Andrew his brother, casting a net into the sea: for they were fishers. 19 And he saith unto them, Follow me, and I will make you fishers of men. 20 And they straightway left their nets, and followed him. 21 And going on from thence, he saw other two brethren, James the son of Zebedee, and John his brother, in a ship with Zebedee their father, mending their nets; and he called them. 22 And they immediately left the ship and their father, and followed him.*

To do 'Church' based on gathering crowds of unrepentant sinners is to engage in building social clubs, period! The change of heart of sinners through repentance must constantly be the motive of those who 'Go Ye'!

#.2. Yeshua spent three and half years teaching, training, equipping, activating those He called to become disciples who would understand the ways of Elohim and primacy of His Kingdom.

The entire teaching ministry of Yeshua essentially rested on this peg. Their intimacy with Him was the basis of their ministry to others! Yeshua did not bring them to Him to remain inward looking but to look outwards so they could bring in the multitudes that were still outside the Kingdom.

Mark 3:13-18 (KJV) *13 And he goeth up into a mountain, and calleth unto him whom he would: and they came unto him. 14 And he ordained twelve, that they should be with him, and that he might send them forth to preach, 15 And to have power to heal sicknesses, and to cast out devils: 16 And Simon he surnamed Peter; 17 And James the son of Zebedee, and John the brother of James; and he surnamed them Boanerges, which is, The sons of thunder: 18 And Andrew, and Philip, and Bartholomew, and Matthew, and Thomas, and James the son of Alphaeus, and Thaddaeus, and Simon the Canaanite,*

Those who are for empowerment need to see themselves as on assignment to empower others!

#.3. On the day of Pentecost, Yeshua released Holy Spirit to indwell the 120 saints so they would be activated and released to serve as instruments of saving others

With the coming of Holy Spirit, the disciples were activated and released to go and fulfil the Great Commission. His charge to them was 'Go Ye', not 'Come here' as religion has tried to do since Rome and larger wing of the Church became married in the 4th Century.

Acts 1:4-8 (KJV) *4 And, being assembled together with them, commanded them that they should not depart from Jerusalem, but wait for the promise of the Father, which, saith he, ye have heard of me. 5 For John truly baptized with water; but ye shall be baptized with the Holy Ghost not many days hence. 6 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.*

Once the Church embraces the Great Commission the way it was given, there is no doubt Holy Spirit will be poured out on saints afresh so signs and wonders will follow them.

Mark 16:15-20 (KJV) *15 And he said unto them, Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature. 16 He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved; but he that believeth not shall be damned. 17 And these signs shall follow them that believe; In my name shall they cast out devils; they shall speak with new tongues; 18 They shall take up serpents; and if they drink any deadly thing, it shall not hurt them; they shall lay hands on the sick, and they shall recover. 19 So then after the Lord had spoken unto them, he was received up into heaven, and sat on the right hand of God. 20 And they went forth, and preached every where, the Lord working with them, and confirming the word with signs following. Amen.*

When this happens, there will be no need for saints to run from pillar to post, seeking 'miracle workers' who abuse their trust!

#.4. It was those 120 saints who Yeshua eventually used to turn the world upside down, subdue natural kingdoms and disciple them within a short space of time.

Here is the testimony of a man whose idol making business crumbled under the weight of just two ministers who were used of the Holy Spirit to hit the commercial metropolis of Ephesus like a thunderstorm:

Acts 19:23-28 (KJV) *23 And the same time there arose no small stir about that way. 24 For a certain man named Demetrius, a silversmith, which made silver shrines for Diana, brought no small gain unto the craftsmen; 25 Whom he called together with the workmen of like occupation, and said, Sirs, ye know that by this craft we have our wealth. 26 Moreover ye see and hear, that not alone at Ephesus, but almost throughout all Asia, this Paul hath persuaded and turned away much people, saying that they be no gods, which are made with hands: 27 So that not only this our craft is in danger to be set at nought; but also that the temple of the great goddess Diana should be despised, and her magnificence should be destroyed, whom all Asia and the world worshippeth. 28 And when they heard these sayings, they were full of wrath, and cried out, saying, Great is Diana of the Ephesians.*

If all congregations and ministries adopt this same process of capacity building, the gospel of the Kingdom will be preached worldwide without much difficulty since there would be much fit-for-purpose labourers. When saints are taught, trained, equipped, activated and released, their Go Ye assignments will impact the world as Holy Spirit propels them forward.

#.5. Yeshua preached a complete gospel which affected all dimensions of those He was sent to!

Yeshua consistently cared for the physical and material needs of those who He ministered to. Just as He was interested in the eternal destination of their souls, He also showed concern for their health and wellbeing. He was always concerned that people around him did not die of hunger by giving them physical food! In other words, He never sent any one home hungry. Furthermore, He healed the sick, delivered the oppressed and through miracles, intervened in situations of those He ministered to (Matthew 8:1-17, 28-34; Matthew 9:1-8, 18-38)

Matthew 4:23-25 (KJV) *23 And Jesus went about all Galilee, teaching in their synagogues, and preaching the gospel of the kingdom, and healing all manner of sickness and all manner of disease among the people. 24 And his fame went throughout all Syria: and they brought unto him all sick people that were taken with divers diseases and torments, and those which were possessed with devils, and those which were lunatick, and those that had the palsy; and he healed them. 25 And there followed him great multitudes of people from Galilee, and from Decapolis, and from Jerusalem, and from Judaea, and from beyond Jordan.*

Matthew 9:35-36 (KJV) *35 And Jesus went about all the cities and villages, teaching in their synagogues, and preaching the gospel of the kingdom, and healing every sickness and every disease among the people. 36 But when he saw the multitudes, he was moved with compassion on them, because they fainted, and were scattered abroad, as sheep having no shepherd.*

Luke 9:10-17 (KJV) *10 And the apostles, when they were returned, told him all that they had done. And he took them, and went aside privately into a desert place belonging to the city called Bethsaida. 11 And the people, when they knew it, followed him: and he received them, and spake unto them of the kingdom of God, and healed them that had need of healing. 12 And when the day began to wear away, then came the twelve, and said unto him, Send the multitude away, that they may go into the towns and country round about, and lodge, and get victuals: for we are here in a desert place. 13 But he said unto them, Give ye them to eat. And they said, We have no more but five loaves and two fishes; except we should go and buy meat for all this people. 14 For they were about five thousand men. And he said to his disciples, Make them sit down by fifties in a company. 15 And they did so, and made them all sit down. 16 Then he took the five loaves and the two fishes, and looking up to heaven, he blessed them, and brake, and gave to the disciples to set before the multitude. 17 And they did eat, and were all filled: and there was taken up of fragments that remained to them twelve baskets.*

Acts 10:38 (KJV) *38 How God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Ghost and with power: who went about doing good, and healing all that were oppressed of the devil; for God was with him.*

If the Church must be truly alive in this generation, the starting point is to get out of the building of brick and mortar mentality, so to say! We must realise that The Church is us, the people of Elohim! With the Holy Spirit in us, the desires of heaven for souls to be saved become ours. We will need no persuasion to give all of our hearts to Him and be passionate about praying for souls to be saved and discipling the saved. As we disciple them one on one, it is simple to bring them to places we congregate for worship so that they can fellowship with others and be prepared to take their place in perpetuating the process. In the process of doing so, we must not be blind to the physical, material and emotional needs of the people. It is a holistic package!

Saints, let us follow in the footsteps of Yeshua our King! Let us stop playing Church and over emphasis on temporal things! Let us place an extreme high value on souls of those that are outside the Kingdom and travail for them rather than criticise their sinful ways because they are blinded by the god of this world as 2 Corinthians 2:3-6 says.

Let us pay the price in going forth everywhere they can be found to share the good news that the price has been paid for them to reconcile with The Father. When saints assemble at congregational meetings, efforts should be made to ensure that food is available to share for the benefit of those who have none at home. Brethren should be encouraged to share their clothes and other accessories with those who have none. The social safety net of the Church should be more effective than the social security systems of the world! The Alpha or early Church succeeded largely because they followed the example of Yeshua. So, should we!

Acts 2:41-47 (KJV) *41 Then they that gladly received his word were baptized: and the same day there were added unto them about three thousand souls. 42 And they continued stedfastly in the apostles' doctrine and fellowship, and in breaking of bread, and in prayers. 43 And fear came upon every soul: and many wonders and signs were done by the apostles. 44 And all that believed were together, and had all things common; 45 And sold their possessions and goods, and parted them to all men, as every man had need. 46 And they, continuing daily with one accord in the temple, and breaking bread from house to house, did eat their meat with gladness and singleness of heart, 47 Praising God, and having favour with all the people. And the Lord added to the church daily such as should be saved.*

Acts 4:32-37 (KJV) *32 And the multitude of them that believed were of one heart and of one soul: neither said any of them that ought of the things which he possessed was his own; but they had all things common. 33 And with great power gave the apostles witness of the resurrection of the Lord Jesus: and great grace was upon them all. 34 Neither was there any among them that lacked: for as many as were possessors of lands or houses sold them, and brought the prices of the things that were sold, 35 And laid them down at the apostles' feet: and distribution was made unto every man according as he had need. 36 And Joses, who by the apostles was surnamed Barnabas, (which is, being interpreted, The son of consolation,) a Levite, and of the country of Cyprus, 37 Having land, sold it, and brought the money, and laid it at the apostles' feet.*

In the next chapter, we will discuss Evangelism as driving force of the Great Commission. Please share this and other chapters freely with saints! The Global School of Ministry has been activated by Abba to offer cutting edge training in Kingdom ministry, free of charge, so that no one has an excuse for not fulfilling the call of Yeshua!

Review Question

1. Please discuss any 3 of the 5 ways Yeshua ensured holistic delivery of the gospel.
2. What new insight did you gain today?

Section B

Chapter 4 Evangelism:

Driving Force of the Great Commission

Evangelism is simply 'intentional proclamation of the good news that Elohim loves mankind so much that He has made complete provision for deliverance from Satan and Sin. Through this, a pathway has been made for reconciliation of sinners back to Himself through the incarnation, passion, death and resurrection of Yeshua, Jesus.

A. Core Principle which drives perpetuation of Evangelism: Saved to serve!

The core principle is that *we are saved to serve as instruments of saving other people!* A ministry of reconciliation of the lost to Elohim is automatically handed over to all who are truly saved! In other words, the primary ministry and divinely imparted purpose of all saints is to surrender their vessels as instruments through which Holy Spirit works to reach out to those within their spheres or loops of influence!

2 Corinthians 17-21: (KJV) *17 Therefore if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new. 18 And all things are of God, who hath reconciled us to himself by Jesus Christ, and hath given to us the ministry of reconciliation; 19 To wit, that God was in Christ, reconciling the world unto himself, not imputing their trespasses unto them; and hath committed unto us the word of reconciliation. 20 Now then we are ambassadors for Christ, as though God did beseech you by us: we pray you in Christ's stead, be ye reconciled to God. 21 For he hath made him to be sin for us, who knew no sin; that we might be made the righteousness of God in him.*

It would have been more profitable for us to transit from time to eternity via death when saved. However, that would be an extremely selfish proposition as Paul the apostle postulated.

Philippians 1:22-24 (KJV) *22 But if I live in the flesh, this is the fruit of my labour: yet what I shall choose I wot not. 23 For I am in a strait betwixt two, having a desire to depart, and to be with Christ; which is far better: 24 Nevertheless to abide in the flesh is more needful for you.*

For this reason, Elohim takes the greater risk of keeping those who are saved alive so that He can effectively use them to continue and finish the main mission for which Yeshua, Jesus came to the earth as indicated in His Mission Statement:

Luke 19:10 (KJV) *10 For the Son of man is come to seek and to save that which was lost.*

It is the plan of Elohim that we who are saved exclusively by grace through faith must give ourselves completely to the principle espoused above with the same singleness of mind that was in Yeshua. In the Incarnate state, He was so passionate about fulfilling the commission that he barely had time to eat or drink.

John 4:31-35 (KJV) *31 In the mean while his disciples prayed him, saying, Master, eat. 32 But he said unto them, I have meat to eat that ye know not of. 33 Therefore said the disciples one to another, Hath any man brought him ought to eat? 34 Jesus saith unto them, My meat is to do the will of him that sent me, and to finish his work. 35 Say*

not ye, There are yet four months, and then cometh harvest? behold, I say unto you, Lift up your eyes, and look on the fields; for they are white already to harvest.

The principle of the redeemed being preserved on earth from the world in order to finish the work is one of the core themes in the prayer of Yeshua.

John 17:6-20 (KJV) *6 I have manifested thy name unto the men which thou gavest me out of the world: thine they were, and thou gavest them me; and they have kept thy word. 7 Now they have known that all things whatsoever thou hast given me are of thee. 8 For I have given unto them the words which thou gavest me; and they have received them, and have known surely that I came out from thee, and they have believed that thou didst send me. 9 I pray for them: I pray not for the world, but for them which thou hast given me; for they are thine. 10 And all mine are thine, and thine are mine; and I am glorified in them. 11 And now I am no more in the world, but these are in the world, and I come to thee. Holy Father, keep through thine own name those whom thou hast given me, that they may be one, as we are. 12 While I was with them in the world, I kept them in thy name: those that thou gavest me I have kept, and none of them is lost, but the son of perdition; that the scripture might be fulfilled. 13 And now come I to thee; and these things I speak in the world, that they might have my joy fulfilled in themselves. 14 I have given them thy word; and the world hath hated them, because they are not of the world, even as I am not of the world. 15 I pray not that thou shouldest take them out of the world, but that thou shouldest keep them from the evil. 16 They are not of the world, even as I am not of the world. 17 Sanctify them through thy truth: thy word is truth. 18 As thou hast sent me into the world, even so have I also sent them into the world. 19 And for their sakes I sanctify myself, that they also might be sanctified through the truth. 20 Neither pray I for these alone, but for them also which shall believe on me through their word;*

B. The Four Mission Fields of Total Evangelism: Scope of Great Commission

It is important that we execute the Great Commission with the master plan of Yeshua as our guide. He spelt out a clear game plan of making disciples of all nations as a prelude to return here on earth to establish the Kingdom (Revelation 20:1-6)

Matthew 24:14 (KJV) *14 And this gospel of the kingdom shall be preached in all the world for a witness unto all nations; and then shall the end come.*

Matthew 28:18-20 (KJV) *18 And Jesus came and spake unto them, saying, All power is given unto me in heaven and in earth. 19 Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost: 20 Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and, lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world. Amen.*

In the master plan of Yeshua for this global impact, saints, functioning as individuals, ministries, congregations or mission agencies have four spheres of influence to systematically spread the good news as indicated here:

Acts 1:8 (KJV) *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.*

1. Jerusalem – this speaks of your home base/immediate community where you live or/and work. Here people know you very well and you need wisdom to deal with such people so that you don't sound self-righteous, judgmental or lose the cutting edge of passion because of familiarity or fear of man.

2. Judea – This speaks of your cultural base/ethnic group/tribe or indeed where you belong in the natural order of things. This also includes your entire city, County and State of residence within the country.

3. Samaria – This speaks of all of your nation/country. It also speaks of going beyond borders but within your geographical region. In this regard, it speaks of missions to countries and peoples within the group of nations which constitute a region of the continent which you are part of.

4. Uttermost parts of the world. This speaks of true cross-cultural missions to other people groups and groups of nations that constitute other regions of your continent. It also speaks of intentional missions to other continents of the world which Holy Spirit will show you: whether they are inside Europe; Africa; Asia; North America; South America; Oceania or the Island nations of the Atlantic, Pacific, Mediterranean and other seas.

It is clearly the plan of Elohim that you begin evangelism right where you are and take the heat of rejection by friends and family. While it may be painful, such rejections are part of the training He has appointed to prepare you for ministry and mission in other parts of the nation, continent and the world. In these days of social media, there may be a real temptation to be an ‘internet tiger’ with absolutely no base. The danger is that such people can be unreal and unable to relate with other human beings on a flesh and blood basis. While we are to extensively use social media and the internet to reach the lost and teach the saved, it should never be regarded as a substitute for our ‘spiritual boots’ on the ground!

Romans 10:13-15 (KJV) *13 For whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved. 14 How then shall they call on him in whom they have not believed? and how shall they believe in him of whom they have not heard? and how shall they hear without a preacher? 15 And how shall they preach, except they be sent? as it is written, How beautiful are the feet of them that preach the gospel of peace, and bring glad tidings of good things!*

The Bible says those who win souls are wise.

Proverbs 11:30 (KJV) *30 The fruit of the righteous is a tree of life; and he that winneth souls is wise.*

C. Necessity of Prayer and Research

We simply cannot do the strategic work of evangelism without loads of wisdom. Wisdom is displayed when you make an honest effort by prayer and research to know your environment and the people to whom you are sent to receive specific guidance from the Holy Spirit on how best to execute the mandate of evangelism.

The good news is that Elohim has promised to respond positively to requests for wisdom.

James 1:5 (KJV) *5 If any of you lack wisdom, let him ask of God, that giveth to all men liberally, and upbraideth not; and it shall be given him.*

It is necessary to spend quality time asking Elohim for the specific plan and pattern to take our cities, nations, regions and the world for Yeshua. Look at what Abba says we should do in regard of world evangelism:

Psalm 2:8 (KJV) *8 Ask of me, and I shall give thee the heathen for thine inheritance, and the uttermost parts of the earth for thy possession.*

Research

There are a number of good research sources:

1. Libraries and Museums – local, city, national and specialized ones such as Library of Congress are extraordinary store houses of information. Librarians and Curators are always ready to help you locate what you need. These services are mostly free and we have no excuse for not using them. Take off religious coloration in research and rather assume the posture of one seeking information!

2. Books – There are travel guides and books on cities and peoples. A genre of book you will find very useful is fact books which specialize in specific sectors. From a global perspective, the most useful ones are the CIA World Fact Book(Secular) and the Operation World(Spiritual). There are so many more.

3. Search Engines. Google is a golden mine for gathering information on virtually any subject, people group, city, nation or region. Other search engines like Bing and Yahoo are equally great.

4. Specialized websites. Wikipedia has simplified life for many with information at the click of the mouse! There are more sites too!

5. Field trips. You can also act like the spies sent by Moses to survey where Elohim is taking you. You can visit an area like all other tourists, prayerfully taking in the sights and patterns of life; strike conversations with newspaper and magazine sellers, operators of corner shops, restaurants and coffee shops. As you walk around, the Lord can show you things about the city or anywhere He sends you that you never noticed before. With such knowledge can come one of the most critical resources for true evangelism: burden for the lost which fires up passion to go ye.

6. Others. There are many other ways of procuring information including daily newspapers, magazines, news reports on radio, TV, online news outlets. We recommend that you subscribe to Reuters, AP, LIGNET Newsletters (Langley Intelligence Network –if you have interest in global missions). Also subscribe to the daily or weekly updates of your Parliament/Congress; President/Prime Minister and Government agencies you need information from. Elohim will open your eyes to many more sources of information. Use them to His glory and for missions, not partisan politics like others.

Review Questions

1. Please explain in what way we are saved to serve citing one critical scripture which sums up the concept
2. Using the principle in Part B of this chapter (The Four Mission Fields of Total Evangelism: Scope of Great Commission) please define your Mission Profile as an individual starting with name of your 'Jerusalem', your own 'Judea'; 'Samaria' and 'Uttermost parts of the earth.
3. Which of the 6 sources of research information do you feel led to explore going forward?

Chapter 5

Range of Tools That Can be used in Evangelism

When it comes to tools, there are no hard and fast rules. Cultures vary and what works in some parts of the world may be offensive, illegal or considered controversial in other areas. Paul was a man of like passion, but he was so open to the wisdom of Elohim that he received light on how to relate with different people in different cultures! Here is how this hero of faith defines his attitude to evangelism and missions:

1 Corinthians 9:16-24 (KJV) *16 For though I preach the gospel, I have nothing to glory of: for necessity is laid upon me; yea, woe is unto me, if I preach not the gospel! 17 For if I do this thing willingly, I have a reward: but if against my will, a dispensation of the gospel is committed unto me. 18 What is my reward then? Verily that, when I preach the gospel, I may make the gospel of Christ without charge, that I abuse not my power in the gospel. 19 For though I be free from all men, yet have I made myself servant unto all, that I might gain the more. 20 And unto the Jews I became as a Jew, that I might gain the Jews; to them that are under the law, as under the law, that I might gain them that are under the law; 21 To them that are without law, as without law, (being not without law to God, but under the law to Christ,) that I might gain them that are without law. 22 To the weak became I as weak, that I might gain the weak: I am made all things to all men, that I might by all means save some. 23 And this I do for the gospel's sake, that I might be partaker thereof with you. 24 Know ye not that they which run in a race run all, but one receiveth the prize? So run, that ye may obtain.*

No wonder Paul was very effective! These things have been written for our learning upon whom the end of the world has come.

Based on leading of the Holy Spirit and research, we need to determine which of these tools are acceptable in the environments where we operate.

1. Saints. We are equipment number 1 in the hands of the Holy Spirit. If we make our selves available, He will use us as bridges to reach the lost! The whole plan of salvation is hinged on availability of saints as human instruments of Elohim!

Romans 10:12-15 (KJV) *12 For there is no difference between the Jew and the Greek: for the same Lord over all is rich unto all that call upon him. 13 For whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved. 14 How then shall they call on him in whom they have not believed? and how shall they believe in him of whom they have not heard? and how shall they hear without a preacher? 15 And how shall they preach, except they be sent? as it is written, How beautiful are the feet of them that preach the gospel of peace, and bring glad tidings of good things! 16 But they have not all obeyed the gospel. For Esaias saith, Lord, who hath believed our report? 17 So then faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the word of God.*

There is no equipment which can equate with saints getting physically involved in sharing their new life in Yeshua with family, neighbours, colleagues, friends and indeed all men from their Jerusalem to their Judea, Samaria and uttermost parts of the earth. It is strange and sad to note that Mormons and Jehovah Witnesses are beating saints in the way they are committed to peddling their dogma and religions that are false! This ought not to be.

No isolation! Separate to engage!

'Go Ye', not 'Come Here'

The whole congregation should be trained to be in go forth mode! The gospel is about 'Go Ye', not 'Come Here'. We need to ensure that everyone is equipped with the understanding that all saints, not some or a few, are called to be ambassadors of Yeshua. Saints must cultivate the holy habit of sharing their faith anywhere and everywhere – at home, in the office, in schools, at train stations, in trains, bus stations, in buses, airports, inside aircraft and in all situations in and out of season so that by every means, we may win those appointed to life!

The need for us to live transformed loving lives cannot be over-emphasized so that we can be lifestyle witnesses! Life style evangelism requires that saints maintain hospitable homes with open doors to welcome and host neighbours, friends, colleagues and acquaintances to meals or snack and drink events for 'soft-sell' evangelism.

All ministers, irrespective of their callings need to realise that they need to make evangelism a lifestyle, just as Paul told Timothy who was a Pastor!

2 Timothy 4:5 (KJV) *5 But watch thou in all things, endure afflictions, **do the work of** an evangelist, make full proof of thy ministry.*

In addition, we must also recognize that there are some saints Yeshua has specifically commissioned to be Fivefold Evangelists. They should be spotted by discernment, Taught the Truth, Trained, Equipped, Activated and Released to fulfil their awesome ministry of gathering in the great harvest. Evangelists should be encouraged and provided what they need to be in the field productively. Saints with extra passion for souls should be encouraged to join them to function as Evangelism Teams of local congregations.

2. Tracts. These are called 'silent missionaries'. Tracts are simple and direct messages of salvation printed in small sized paper for mass distribution. Many tracts are available to be ordered by bulk order from mission agencies free of charge or at subsidized printing costs. Unfortunately, the messages in most tracts are outdated and unhelpful, steeped in religiosity and religious verbiage. It is therefore recommended that you prayerfully read through tracts before you put the stamp of approval on them lest you peddle death, instead of life.

Where necessary, prayerfully receive inspiration to write a simple salvation message with a suggested response slip. Encourage your fellowship to invest in production of thousands of tracts, according to ability. Let tracts be prayed over and given to all members of the congregation for distribution everywhere they find people.

3. Prayers. Deep, heartfelt intercession and spiritual warfare are critical equipment for undertaking the Great Commission. Saints should pray for their home environments, offices as well as communities where their local congregations are located. Prayers should be made for souls to be prepared by the Holy Spirit to receive the gospel message. John 10:16 and Matthew 16:19 make excellent grounds of prayer that Yeshua will bring into the Kingdom and distribute His sheep to various congregations.

By spiritual warfare, we can discern and pull down all strongholds that hinder people from embracing the gospel message. Prayer walks can be organized in territories where evangelism projects will take place. Using the principle of Joshua 1:3 and Psalm 2:8 such territories can be effectively claimed for Yeshua even before we launch out.

4. Bibles. Bibles are extraordinary tools of evangelism. They should be handed out where need is sensed or when people give their lives to Yeshua. Whether whole Bibles or just New Testament texts, it represents the best way in which Elohim can speak directly to both the sinner or new convert directly. Saints should be encouraged to invest in acquisition of bibles for personal distribution or to be made available for their local congregation or mission agencies that need them.

5. Social Media – Saints need to make the Great Commission the fulcrum of their social media activities. Anything short of this consecration will be harmful in the long run. Relate with strangers on social media because of Yeshua and as ambassadors of His Kingdom.

Let your communication be wholesome and healthy, able to minister grace to the readers. Be friendly, not playful. Be open, upfront about your deep relationship with Elohim and let those who will fall away because of this do so, as early as possible or they may become snares for your soul.

On social media, there are two kinds of people you need most: those you are assigned to minister to and those Elohim has assigned to minister to you. If you are intimate with the Holy Spirit, He will show you these two sets of people and you need to connect solidly with them and grow the relationships according to the mind of the Father.

Never let down your guard and give room for iniquity to spring up or be cultured in any online relationship! Please resist the temptation of seeking emotional gratification from saints of the opposite gender and understand that sensitive emotional moments are best spent with Holy Spirit, the Comforter, in prayer.

Determine by the Spirit, which of the social media platforms Elohim has given you greater grace to excel in and hone your communication skills there: Face book, twitter, google+, skype, You Tube, MySpace, ooVoo and others. If you are not photogenic, avoid video. If your grammar is poor, know what medium to avoid.

6. Mass Media. Ministries which can afford the costs should buy air time in so called ‘secular’ television and newspapers so that they can reach the unsaved. Christian television is best for teaching and to offer exhortation to saints who need encouragement. The tendency to use so called Christian television to seek ‘sheep migration’ is a disservice to the King and His Kingdom.

Saints with capacity to support those Elohim has gifted to communicate sound gospel should do so as they are led by Holy Spirit. The concept of advertising normal ‘church’ services with all the cultural idiosyncrasies that offend many should be discouraged.

7. Invitation Cards. Saints should have well designed beautiful cards with which to invite friends and family as well as acquaintances to cell fellowships and congregational meetings. There should be no shame about that. The assembling of saints together releases greater dimensions of the presence and power of Elohim which can impact new converts and sinners alike. Congregations and Fellowships should invest in producing attractive invitation cards.

Matthew 18:20 (KJV) *20 For where two or three are gathered together in my name, there am I in the midst of them.*

Hebrews 10:25 (KJV) *25 Not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as the manner of some is; but exhorting one another: and so much the more, as ye see the day approaching.*

8. Follow Up. As preaching of the gospel goes forth, follow up should also be factored into the plan in a definite way, lest the fruits decay. Physical visits, Phone calls, sms/texts, face book groups and invitations to fellowship with other saints need to be pursued with vigour.

9. Discipleship. The first priority should be to root those who respond to the gospel message in Yeshua as His disciples. New believer classes should be established in local congregations to enable such saints to be fed with appropriate spiritual nutrients. They should be given opportunities to ask questions at such classes. One useful lesson they need to be established in is how to hear and obey the voice of the Lord and how to walk in a living, loving relationship with Him. It must be stated clearly however that discipleship is best conducted one on one by saints who are disciples themselves!

10. Strategic Church Planting. A vital equipment in the Great Commission is planting of home cells, house fellowships or basic congregations where two or more saints are in proximity. Yeshua Himself defined the basic concept of Church as 'where two or three are gathered in My name' Matthew 18:20. Such basic congregations do not need to bother about rent, music equipment or other assumed necessities. As long as there is life in the two or three gathered in His name and as long as He is present by Holy Spirit, the fellowship will grow from a Mustard seed to become a mighty oak in the area.

11. Training & Equipping. For what has been described in this course to happen, saints need to be trained to understand The Kingdom, what the Church is and the way The Church is supposed to run. Training will prepare saints to make the Great Commission the centre piece of their lives. Training will prepare saints to be ready to represent Yeshua as His ambassadors anywhere He sends them.

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12. Special personal outreaches such as Morning Cries – in environments where it is safe to rise up early in the morning and move around specific neighbourhoods, brethren can move around on foot or in cars with megaphones, announcing the gospel like heralds of old. This direct 'broadcast' into homes of people has been found effective in many nations. There may be cases of hearers who are convicted by Holy Spirit, surrender their lives and trace the messengers to Church at next available opportunity to testify. In some other cases, those who respond positively may have their hearts broken and prepared for another vessel to reap the harvest of salvation at another time, in another setting.

13. Gospel Crusades – this is the most expensive of the tools deployed to fulfil the Great Commission! They involve massive planning, publicity, mobilization and deployment of great resources to get a large number of people of all stripes together in a location to hear the gospel message delivered by anointed vessels who Holy Spirit uses for that purpose. When such vessels are endued with power for signs and wonders, healings and miracles; word of knowledge and prophetic counsel, such can open hearts of people who are then led on to encounter the mercy of Elohim as Yeshua is lifted up.

Crusades can be: bespoke when planned and executed by a single ministry or joint when executed by a network or group of ministries located in a geographical region. Often the costs are justified because of the great number of converts that come forth as fruits.

Great Commission and the Law of nations

It is crucial we have a mindset of not breaking the law when engaged in evangelism and its outreaches. If the law prohibits use of megaphone to do 'early morning cry' in city neighbourhoods, there is no sense in insisting on preaching that way. If we need permits from City Councils before staging Mass Crusades, that provision should not be ignored. We are not called or encouraged to start religious wars or to fight flesh and blood with humanistic wisdom. True saints do not pick fights. There is a difference between carrying the Cross of Jesus and engaging in crass foolishness.

Romans 13:1-7 (KJV) 1 Let every soul be subject unto the higher powers. For there is no power but of God: the powers that be are ordained of God. 2 Whosoever therefore resisteth the power, resisteth the ordinance of God: and they that resist shall receive to themselves damnation. 3 For rulers are not a terror to good works, but to the evil. Wilt thou then not be afraid of the power? do that which is good, and thou shalt have praise of the same: 4 For he is the minister of God to thee for good. But if thou do that which is evil, be afraid; for he beareth not the sword in vain: for he is the minister of God, a revenger to execute wrath upon him that doeth evil. 5 Wherefore ye must needs be subject, not only for wrath, but also for conscience sake. 6 For for this cause pay ye tribute also: for they are God's ministers, attending continually upon this very thing. 7 Render therefore to all their dues: tribute to whom tribute is due; custom to whom custom; fear to whom fear; honour to whom honour.

It is where governments or people cross the line and want us to stop worshipping the only true Elohim or want to legislate that we condone evil or idolatry that we become conscientious objectors. In that case, Elohim Himself will fight the battles and He has never been known to lose any war. This was the case with the early Church when they were commanded to stop preaching in the Name of Jesus.

Acts 5:27-29 (KJV) 27 And when they had brought them, they set them before the council: and the high priest asked them, 28 Saying, Did not we straitly command you that ye should not teach in this name? and, behold, ye have filled Jerusalem with your doctrine, and intend to bring this man's blood upon us. 29 Then Peter and the other apostles answered and said, We ought to obey God rather than men.

Review Questions

1. Please summarise any 7 of the 13 tools of Evangelism which you find most essential in your walk with the Lord.
2. What new thing(s) did you learn today

Chapter 6

Keys to productive Evangelism

John 4:35-38 (KJV) *35 Say not ye, There are yet four months, and then cometh harvest? behold, I say unto you, Lift up your eyes, and look on the fields; for they are white already to harvest. 36 And he that reapeth receiveth wages, and gathereth fruit unto life eternal: that both he that soweth and he that reapeth may rejoice together. 37 And herein is that saying true, One soweth, and another reapeth. 38 I sent you to reap that whereon ye bestowed no labour: other men laboured, and ye are entered into their labours.*

From Yeshua's point of view, we are being sent into a field that is ripe for harvest! This means there are many souls Elohim has invested much labour to prepare for salvation using various vessels and means. In undertaking the Great Commission, it is essential to understand the reality that:

- Many people we are going to meet have already heard the gospel before through other vessels but never quite connected and we are the appointed vessels for reaping the harvest of their soul.
- Some are going to be hearing about the gospel for the first time through us.

In fulfilling the Great Commission, our over-riding objective should be to bring them to Yeshua and the Kingdom, not our 'churches' or ministers! The Lord has a primary interest that our focus is on Him and the Kingdom, trusting Him to give increase to His labourers as it pleases Him. Knowing this reality takes away strife, competition and unnecessary bickering concerning souls by saints in the Church of Yeshua. Paul the apostle was to make this same point clear to the Church at Corinth.

1 Corinthians 3:1-8 (KJV) *1 And I, brethren, could not speak unto you as unto spiritual, but as unto carnal, even as unto babes in Christ. 2 I have fed you with milk, and not with meat: for hitherto ye were not able to bear it, neither yet now are ye able. 3 For ye are yet carnal: for whereas there is among you envying, and strife, and divisions, are ye not carnal, and walk as men? 4 For while one saith, I am of Paul; and another, I am of Apollos; are ye not carnal? 5 Who then is Paul, and who is Apollos, but ministers by whom ye believed, even as the Lord gave to every man? 6 I have planted, Apollos watered; but God gave the increase. 7 So then neither is he that planteth any thing, neither he that watereth; but God that giveth the increase. 8 Now he that planteth and he that watereth are one: and every man shall receive his own reward according to his own labour.*

With this in mind, we appreciate the reality that in the process of saving any one, Elohim uses various vessels, as it pleases Him. Our examination of Mark 16: 15-20 in an earlier chapter made the clear case that the Great Commission is an assignment given to the whole Church.

It is also instructive to note that no one, no matter how 'anointed' can save any soul! No one can come to Yeshua except such is drawn by the Father and convicted by the Holy Spirit!

John 6:44 (KJV) *44 No man can come to me, except the Father which hath sent me draw him: and I will raise him up at the last day.*

John 16:8-11 (KJV) *8 And when he is come, he will reprove the world of sin, and of righteousness, and of judgment: 9 Of sin, because they believe not on me; 10 Of righteousness, because I go to my Father, and ye see me no more; 11 Of judgment, because the prince of this world is judged.*

Our availability is for the principal reason that in the economy of Elohim, He has ordained to use humans as the bridge to reach the unsaved. If our bridge is released, He will reach out and touch those who are to be saved (who He alone knows).

The 10 Keys of Productive Evangelism

1. Understanding

In order to go forth productively, saints need to allow Elohim to equip them with an understanding of the core issues we shared in the introductory part of this chapter. This understanding needs to be rooted in the Truth of The gospel rather than the fancies of human wisdom. Saints need to understand what the Word teaches on these issues:

1.1. The Eternal nature of humans. It is useful to always bear in mind that human beings are not like other beings on earth! They have eternal spirits and souls housed in mortal bodies.

1.2. Eternal State of the Lost. Those who are unsaved at death are lost forever. They will be in eternal torment, separated from Elohim and their loved ones who are saved. Knowing this truth about your unsaved spouse, children, parents, siblings, friends extended family, colleagues and neighbours will galvanize your prayer life; energise your witness to them and encourage you to invest all that is possible to help them to receive the love of Elohim in Yeshua, Jesus.

1.4. Incredible Love of Elohim. John 3:16 and Ephesians 2:1-10 describe the incredible love of Elohim which is so much that He literally simplifies the process of salvation. He has paid all the price to receive back His prodigal children, who are willing to respond to His love.

1.5. The Divine Plan of Salvation. Saints need to know the simple and yet very effective plan of Salvation Elohim has put in place to bring sinners into His Kingdom. The starting point of the process is so simple: Sinners are to receive the word of life in penitence and faith. As they believe in their hearts and confess with their tongues that Yeshua, Jesus died for them, they are saved! Romans 10:8-10.

1.6. Your Strategic Role in the Salvation Plan. Saints need to realize that we are bridges. If we engage with the process according to the word, people will be saved. If we do not engage, many whose names are attached to ours may miss the Kingdom forever.

John 20:21-23 (KJV) *21 Then said Jesus to them again, Peace be unto you: as my Father hath sent me, even so send I you. 22 And when he had said this, he breathed on them, and saith unto them, Receive ye the Holy Ghost: 23 Whose soever sins ye remit, they are remitted unto them; and whose soever sins ye retain, they are retained.*

1.7. Consequences of an unproductive life. Yeshua desires that we be very productive as His branches. John 15:1-8, 16. We are to bear the fruit of the Spirit (righteousness) as well as the fruit of souls reconciled back to Elohim. The stories of the unproductive fig trees and their woeful fate illustrate the

danger of not engaging with the Lord to reap the harvest of souls into the Kingdom. Luke 13:6-9; Mark 11:12-14,20-21.

1.8. The Truth that preaching of the gospel is an integral part of the countdown to the return of Yeshua, Jesus. Elohim has ordained that the gospel of the Kingdom shall be preached in all nations for a witness before Yeshua returns. If we sincerely believe He is returning again, our part is to preach in the now and to intercede for the lost, to be saved.

Matthew 24:14 (KJV) *14 And this gospel of the kingdom shall be preached in all the world for a witness unto all nations; and then shall the end come.*

2. Unction of Holy Spirit

We cannot proceed to preach on our own. Saints need to press into the fullness of the Holy Spirit so that the assignment is executed in the wisdom, guidance, leading and power of divinity. This was the original plan of Jesus when He instructed the zealous disciples to wait for the Holy Spirit in

Acts 1:8 (KJV) *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.*

It is true that there is a measure of the Holy Spirit in all saints who lived after the initial Upper Room experience. This is what is called the ‘Seal’ measure of the Holy Spirit in which He indwells every saint at the new birth. There is still room for all saints to be thirsty for more of Him and to press in by prayer and consecration to present their vessels unto Elohim to fill up with the Holy Spirit and power.

Preaching with this ‘demonstrative measure’ of the Holy Spirit makes all the difference! There is a divine halo of the presence and power of Elohim on saints who are filled with the Holy Spirit and are full of Him! It is needful for saints in all living congregations to be encouraged to press into this blessed experience which opens possibilities of miracles, signs and wonders to accompany believers as they preach.

3. Obedience

The Great Commission is a Commission or mandate requiring our obedience. It is not a suggestion or proposal! If we claim to love Yeshua, the only proof required is to obey Him!

John 15:10, 14 (KJV) *10 If ye keep my commandments, ye shall abide in my love; even as I have kept my Father's commandments, and abide in his love.*

14 Ye are my friends, if ye do whatsoever I command you.

4. Passion

Passion for souls is what unleashes zeal in Evangelism which proceeds from the conviction that souls are perishing even as eternity draws near. We can proceed successfully if we are passionate about the heavenly assignment to rescue as many souls as possible while it is yet day. Like Jesus, the zeal of the House of God needs to consume us.

5. Compassion

No one can engage successfully in evangelism without compassion or empathy with the lost. Compassion borne out of unconditional love for the souls of the perishing will drive us to spare nothing including esteem, honor, money, comfort and indeed stake everything to spend and be spent in the mission to rescue the perishing.

Matthew 9:35-38 (KJV) *35 And Jesus went about all the cities and villages, teaching in their synagogues, and preaching the gospel of the kingdom, and healing every sickness and every disease among the people. 36 But when he saw the multitudes, he was moved with compassion on them, because they fainted, and were scattered abroad, as sheep having no shepherd. 37 Then saith he unto his disciples, The harvest truly is plenteous, but the labourers are few; 38 Pray ye therefore the Lord of the harvest, that he will send forth labourers into his harvest.*

6. Go Ye Lifestyle

The best way to engage in evangelism is to make it a lifestyle. Whether in the Market place, our neighbourhoods, anywhere and everywhere and in any endeavour, we can position our commitment to The Kingdom with the Great Commission, through which it is enlarged, as a fulcrum. This will determine how we spend money, who and what we spend it on and to what extent we are willing to bend over backwards to be all things to all people.

7. Keep the Message Simple

To preach successfully, we need to keep the message on the love of Elohim and His provision of Yeshua, Jesus as the substantive solution to the sin problem. John 3:16; Romans 10:8-10 are timeless classics in piercing through hearts. Unnecessary arguments and debates should be avoided. We should resist the temptation to preach our ministries and ministers. However, those that respond to the message may need to be introduced to truly living and loving local congregations for discipleship, teaching and fellowship.

8. Prayer & Spiritual Warfare

Many souls are bound from the gospel by Satan and his agents as the Word says:

2 Corinthians 4:3-4 (KJV) *3 But if our gospel be hid, it is hid to them that are lost: 4 In whom the god of this world hath blinded the minds of them which believe not, lest the light of the glorious gospel of Christ, who is the image of God, should shine unto them.*

Effective, fervent prayers are needed as we stand in the gap for them. Through spiritual warfare, saints can engage with all opposing forces and subdue their attempts to prevent those we love from believing. We can bind the strong men over our host communities, subduing them in the Name of Yeshua and with His shed Blood so that we can enter their palaces to free those held captive!

Luke 11:21-22 (KJV) *21 When a strong man armed keepeth his palace, his goods are in peace: 22 But when a stronger than he shall come upon him, and overcome him, he taketh from him all his armour wherein he trusted, and divideth his spoils.*

Some assigned principalities, powers and demons are responsible for various dimensions of evil and negative conduct such as witchcraft, occultism; systemic poverty, prostitution, drug addiction, gambling, failure, suicide and other social vices in different communities. Churches located therein have a sacred

responsibility to rout such spirits and break their negative influences over the people, just as Paul did with Diana worship among the Ephesians before the gospel could thrive.

9. Primacy of Friendship/Soft Evangelism

Souls within our loop: friends, family and business publics are good targets of friendship and soft messaging hallmarked by loving relationship management. Our approaches to such people are most effective when our lives are evident witnesses of that of Yeshua. They who knew us will admire real transformation in our lives from the negatives they used to see and know. As we convert such social occasions as birthdays, weddings, product launch and other occasions to soul winning opportunities, we are assured of their presence if we plan with wisdom.

10. Use of Social Media

We need to lay hold of social media and use it to reach as many as the King will put in our path. Face book, skype, youtube, twitter and all the others can be deployed effectively to communicate the love of Yeshua on a consistent basis. But we must learn to steer away from online behaviour and patterns which repel, turn off or create contentions with trolls that they enemy can unleash. Let saints never be found in wasting precious Kingdom time and skills in negative behaviour which undermines their profession of faith. Social media can be a snare for souls of those who are careless and looking to 'Egypt for fun'! When they fall, they dishonour Name of the same Lord Yeshua they used to proclaim. That is so sad!

We recommend as Bible Reading, for the purpose of experiencing the 'Go Ye' paradigm, the whole of Acts Chapter 2 which describes the official birth of the Church and the strong foundation in the Holy Spirit; The Word; Love; Signs and Wonders which led to a massive harvest of souls and maturity of saints!

Review Questions

1. Please discuss any 6 of the 10 keys to fruitful Evangelism
2. What new insight did you gain today?

Chapter 7

The True Kingdom Church as Salt and Light of Saints to the world

One of the most remarkable features of the modern Church is the lukewarm attitude to The Great Commission. In many circles, the Great Commission is rarely mentioned. In its place, various types of congregations and ministries have erected their versions of The Golden Calf where their energies are directed to. This often involves usage of worldly marketing and promotional techniques to sell images of 'successful' Pastors and ministries to those who desire the 'good life'. In effect, they are drawn to humans and organizations, rather than Yeshua, for solution of their problems, not reconciliation with the Father!

Many host communities of congregations and ministries are yet to feel the impact of the regular congregating of saints in them which is a very sad reminder of how far this generation has drifted from the essence of representing Yeshua and the Kingdom before the unsaved. Part of the problem lies with an isolationist mindset.

Let us note that contrary to the preachments of some religious groups, saints as individuals and as Kingdom communities (Congregations) are not called to isolation from unbelievers and sinners! Rather, John 17 clearly shows that we are called to be 'separate' which means to proactively escape the snare of the spirit which rules the kingdom of darkness.

1 John 5:19, 21 (KJV) *19 And we know that we are of God, and the whole world lieth in wickedness.*

21 Little children, keep yourselves from idols. Amen.

From this stand point of separation, we are to engage with sinners and our communities, transmitting to them the holy virtue of righteous living and message of the gospel which impacts them for good!

Whether as individual saints, families or ministries and congregations, we are planted within specific communities to function as Salt and Light to them. Where our host communities are not receiving the redemptive impact of the Salt and Light we are, something terrible has gone wrong and needs to be repented of and corrected without delay.

Matthew 5:13-16 (KJV) *13 Ye are the salt of the earth: but if the salt have lost his savour, wherewith shall it be salted? it is thenceforth good for nothing, but to be cast out, and to be trodden under foot of men. 14 Ye are the light of the world. A city that is set on an hill cannot be hid. 15 Neither do men light a candle, and put it under a bushel, but on a candlestick; and it giveth light unto all that are in the house. 16 Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven.*

Salt is useless of itself! Rather, its usefulness is relative to application to substances which need to be 'salted'. Let us use the applications of salt in the natural to understand how Yeshua wants to impact our host environments with His nature and redemptive mission:

1. Salt is a seasoning agent which flavours whatever it is added to. No matter the expensive nature of condiments used to cook soup such as meat, fish and sea food, it will be tasteless or flat. If a tincture of

salt that is worth a dime is put in the said soup, the effect will be to bring out the flavour of the meat, fish or seafood. In the same way, many communities have some redemptive cultures which are lost in sin and the anti-God narrative of their preferred lifestyles.

Engagement of saints and congregations with their host communities will bring forth the flavour of certain talents, abilities and innate ideas which Elohim wired into them as a people.

The English, for instance are a courageous and resilient people with a daring-do attitude which enables them to explore the depths of the whole world without difficulty. That is a basic gift Elohim wired into them to enable them function as excellent missionaries. Engagement of The Church of Yeshua and the culture of the Kingdom with the natural English will therefore lead to producing the next generation of missionaries who are ready to go to the uttermost parts of the world in obedience to the Lord.

It is important that we all prayerfully locate through the inspiration of Holy Spirit, the redemptive features of the cultures of the people and cities where our ministries are planted. Elohim does not expect us to be besotted with the negative behaviour of the people. We cannot expect sinners to live right until they hear the glorious gospel which liberates them from Satan and sin. The very negative behaviours we see are supposed to generate compassion and burden in our hearts concerning them which will in turn drive us to deep intercession, spiritual warfare and above all the passion to preach, knowing that the gospel alone is the divinely appointed means of changing lives!

Romans 1:16 (KJV) *16 For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ: for it is the power of God unto salvation to every one that believeth; to the Jew first, and also to the Greek. 17 For therein is the righteousness of God revealed from faith to faith: as it is written, The just shall live by faith.*

Congregations should be concerned with the future of the Youth in terms of their education, for instance. If there are trained teachers with competence in helping those who do poorly in critical subjects such as English, Math and the Sciences, it is a righteous thing to organise after school programs for their benefit, offered free of charge or at low cost. This sacrifice can change the direction of destinies of youths as well as open the entire community, which is full of gratitude, to receive the gospel. Good works by saints, individually and corporately create powerful impacts on those without.

Titus 3:8 (KJV) *8 This is a faithful saying, and these things I will that thou affirm constantly, that they which have believed in God might be careful to maintain good works. These things are good and profitable unto men.*

2. Salt is a preservative. Before refrigerators were invented, one of the best ways of preserving meat and fish was to soak them with salt and let to dry in the sun. Things that were treated that way could be preserved for months and even years. In the same way, Elohim has appointed that through preaching the gospel, individuals and communities will be preserved from destruction now and in eternity. If we refuse to go, we are effectively locking up people to eternal condemnation!

Our duty is to faithfully bear witness and proclaim the liberating truth that Yeshua has paid the price for their sins and they can receive eternal life, free of charge and capacity to live the righteous life in the now. The righteous life they are able to live in the now will cause evil to be subdued.

There are communities in South America many years ago (such as Alomonga in Argentina) where because of preaching the gospel, large proportions of the populace were saved. The bars and houses of easy virtue lost customers and closed down. Crime came down drastically to the extent that prisons had to be closed down for there were not enough law breakers to justify keeping them open! May this be the effect of the end time preaching of the gospel in various communities world-wide!

Romans 10:12-17 (KJV) *12 For there is no difference between the Jew and the Greek: for the same Lord over all is rich unto all that call upon him. 13 For whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved. 14 How then shall they call on him in whom they have not believed? and how shall they believe in him of whom they have not heard? and how shall they hear without a preacher? 15 And how shall they preach, except they be sent? as it is written, How beautiful are the feet of them that preach the gospel of peace, and bring glad tidings of good things! 16 But they have not all obeyed the gospel. For Esaias saith, Lord, who hath believed our report? 17 So then faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the word of God.*

If we go, it is possible for lives of individuals and communities to be transformed from inside out. It is possible for the culture of the Kingdom to quietly engage with the dead cultures of peoples of various nations and through the power of the Holy Spirit bring about transformative change, from one soul to two; from two to four; from four to eight; from eight to sixteen and so on until the new culture of the Kingdom in Yeshua becomes evident. But if we do not go, people remain in their sins! We need to take seriously the solemn words which Jesus pronounced to the disciples.

John 20:21-23 (KJV) *21 Then said Jesus to them again, Peace be unto you: as my Father hath sent me, even so send I you. 22 And when he had said this, he breathed on them, and saith unto them, Receive ye the Holy Ghost: 23 Whose soever sins ye remit, they are remitted unto them; and whose soever sins ye retain, they are retained.*

We need to do our part of preaching the gospel so that the Holy Spirit can use the words we speak to convict people of their sins. If we preach and they refuse to hear or respond, the same gospel of peace will be the instrument of judgement on the Last Day, taking away all excuses from them. We do not need to be overly drawn into speculations about the consequences of rejection. That is within the remit of Elohim. Let us do our part and He will take care of the future. We know however that the gospel is a two edged sword – for mercy to those who receive and judgement for those who reject. That is why the gospel is for a witness unto all nations before the end comes!

Matthew 24:14 (KJV) *14 And this gospel of the kingdom shall be preached in all the world for a witness unto all nations; and then shall the end come.*

3. Light brings illumination where there is darkness. This present world is under a thick cover of darkness. This gross darkness drives modern civilization as things forbidden by Elohim are embraced in laws and customs of nations and communities. This thick pall of darkness is evident on the physical, spiritual and social planes.

Consider how much blood guiltiness is upon many nations with the abortion industry running riot. Consider how the occult has penetrated various layers of authority and has many nations in its firm grip. Consider how many false religions have gained acceptance and are now ‘mainstreamed’ in many former ‘bastions’ of Christianity. In this darkness, Elohim has planted saints and congregations who are full of

His Light to dispel the darkness of their Communities. The plan of Elohim is that we do not hide the Light of Yeshua in us.

We cannot hide under a wrong application of 2 Corinthians 6:14-18 to advocate physical separation to form cozy 'Kingdom Communes' or Monasteries where there is no temptation, trial, crises and challenges. No less an authority than Yeshua Himself defined our need to engage with host communities:

John 17:6, 9, 11, 14-18 (KJV) *6 I have manifested thy name unto the men which thou gavest me out of the world: thine they were, and thou gavest them me; and they have kept thy word.*

9 I pray for them: I pray not for the world, but for them which thou hast given me; for they are thine.

11 And now I am no more in the world, but these are in the world, and I come to thee. Holy Father, keep through thine own name those whom thou hast given me, that they may be one, as we are.

14 I have given them thy word; and the world hath hated them, because they are not of the world, even as I am not of the world. 15 I pray not that thou shouldest take them out of the world, but that thou shouldest keep them from the evil. 16 They are not of the world, even as I am not of the world. 17 Sanctify them through thy truth: thy word is truth. 18 As thou hast sent me into the world, even so have I also sent them into the world.

Yeshua has prayed for us and will keep us from being corrupted or polluted as long as we maintain a sharpness of understanding of who we are relative to the world around us. Elohim did not make a mistake in keeping us alive amongst families and communities that are full of those who do not know Him! We have been planted in our families, neighbourhoods, work places and communities to show the Light of Yeshua!

We are called to be witnesses that salvation is real; that the Kingdom of Elohim is a better proposition; that like us, sinners can be saved and change camps! This great Light of Yeshua is firstly evident by the 'other worldly' life of righteousness, peace and joy in the Holy Spirit. Our dogged pursuit of the Kingdom and its righteousness leads to a self-evident result: life in the Kingdom is better in the now with the added benefit of eternal life forever with Elohim. See Romans 14:17-18 and Matthew 6:19-34.

We will never be effective for Yeshua but will rather waste His grace when we are only comfortable with fellow saints! Our Light is not to be hidden from those who need it most: those in darkness.

Saints, this is an extremely serious matter! Have you caught the fire of passion for the work of the Lord? Have you begun to feel deep compassion for the lost in your family, neighbourhood, work place and the host community of your ministry/local congregation?

The time to do the press into fulfilment of the Mission Statement of Jesus is now:

Luke 19:10 (KJV) *10 For the Son of man is come to seek and to save that which was lost.*

The questions are: who will go for Elohim? If not now, then when? If not you, who will do it?

Review Questions

1. In what way is the Church to impact its community as Salt in a Preservative way?
2. In what way is the Church to be the instrument of adding flavour to taste of a community?
3. Please describe the way the Church functions as Light to the world around it
4. What new insight did you gain from this chapter?

Chapter 8

Hindrances to Avoid

The way Yeshua announced the Great Commission and the various parables which illustrate it indicate that it is not an open-ended assignment. It is one which began with an empowered Church in Acts 2:1-4 and will be consummated with His return. A declaration of Yeshua concerning the end times puts the Great Commission into the right context:

Matthew 24:14 (KJV) *14 And this gospel of the kingdom shall be preached in all the world for a witness unto all nations; and then shall the end come.*

The parable of the noble man who went to a far country, gave his servants talents to trade with and returned to take stock directly speaks of the 'temporal' trip of Yeshua to heaven where He received back the Crown of Divinity. He has left saints on earth, amongst unbelievers who reject Him to occupy or 'do business' until He returns.

One day, Jesus will surely return. He will take account of how saints used their talents, opportunities to enlarge the Kingdom with souls that are saved and how they represented Him in all endeavours with their gifts and callings. Thereafter, He will rule and reign on planet earth with the faithful as Kings over the various nations as Revelation 20:1-6 indicates.

Luke 19:11-27 (KJV) *11 And as they heard these things, he added and spake a parable, because he was nigh to Jerusalem, and because they thought that the kingdom of God should immediately appear. 12 He said therefore, A certain nobleman went into a far country to receive for himself a kingdom, and to return. 13 And he called his ten servants, and delivered them ten pounds, and said unto them, Occupy till I come. 14 But his citizens hated him, and sent a message after him, saying, We will not have this man to reign over us. 15 And it came to pass, that when he was returned, having received the kingdom, then he commanded these servants to be called unto him, to whom he had given the money, that he might know how much every man had gained by trading. 16 Then came the first, saying, Lord, thy pound hath gained ten pounds. 17 And he said unto him, Well, thou good servant: because thou hast been faithful in a very little, have thou authority over ten cities. 18 And the second came, saying, Lord, thy pound hath gained five pounds. 19 And he said likewise to him, Be thou also over five cities. 20 And another came, saying, Lord, behold, here is thy pound, which I have kept laid up in a napkin: 21 For I feared thee, because thou art an austere man: thou takest up that thou layedst not down, and reapest that thou didst not sow. 22 And he saith unto him, Out of thine own mouth will I judge thee, thou wicked servant. Thou knewest that I was an austere man, taking up that I laid not down, and reaping that I did not sow: 23 Wherefore then gavest not thou my money into the bank, that at my coming I might have required mine own with usury? 24 And he said unto them that stood by, Take from him the pound, and give it to him that hath ten pounds. 25 (And they said unto him, Lord, he hath ten pounds.) 26 For I say unto you, That unto every one which hath shall be given; and from him that hath not, even that he hath shall be taken away from him. 27 But those mine enemies, which would not that I should reign over them, bring hither, and slay them before me.*

Why are saints not preaching the gospel of the Kingdom? What hinders them?

There are many reasons why saints are not as effective in preaching the gospel as they should. Let us examine some of the reasons:

1. Various Shades of dangerous doctrines.

Dangerous doctrines have plagued the Church over the years. The avalanche of doctrines of devils and humanistic doctrines in the past 30 – 70 years has produced a generation of saints who:

1.1. No longer truly believe the Bible is the inspired Word of Elohim and has sufficient documentation of His mind to guide us in this present estate of life.

1.2. Who believe that the eloquent words of Preachers have the same or even superior standing as the Word.

1.3. Hold prophetic utterances from ‘great men and women of God’ as important as or even more important than the Bible. Consequently, saints have developed itching ears to hear the next great prophetic release and lack the capacity to judge the words and discern if they are originating from Elohim, Satan or the human soul.

1.4. With the situation above, many live and minister without absolutes of the Word ruling their lives. This loss of absolutes has created a new gospel of convenience in which whatever you define as good is ‘good’ even if the Word expressly calls it evil! This is the new Golden Calf of the New Plastic Cross gospel, the greatest gift of Western Civilization to the march of human ‘development’!

1.5. Bible Translations. Some of the ‘exotic’ bible translations many Christians are getting addicted have taken out what their authors consider ‘harsh’ or politically incorrect terms. These include the concept of eternal torment; damnation of souls and consequences of evil behaviour.

2. Most Deceptive of the Dangerous Doctrines

The most deceptive of the dangerous doctrines plaguing the Church which have direct bearing on why the Great Commission is no longer held in awe as an urgent task are these:

2.1. The doctrine which negatives the divinity of Yeshua, Jesus.

This doctrine is deceptive because those who propound it know that they will lose many followers if they came out clearly to preach this apostasy. What they do is to use various approaches to cause neophytes to lose confidence in the Yeshua of Scripture in favour of another Jesus who is merely a ‘Son of God’ in the general sense or as a Prophet Elohim sent to bring His word to people on earth. Because of their extremely sweet tongue, purveyors of this doctrine have entrapped the souls of many unwary saints and begin to feed them with words which are deemed to carry more weight than what is recorded in scripture. Many adherents of this movement struggle with reading and understanding the whole counsel of Elohim in the Bible but have read, cover to cover, tens of books and listened to scores of CDs/DVDs of their favourite teachers. The moment you reject the divinity of Yeshua, Jesus or follow anyone who believes so, the Great Commission will not mean much to you. In the same vein, the moment you study the words of a man or woman who has rejected the truth of the divinity of Yeshua, Jesus more than the Holy Bible, you will lose the quickening word that will compel you to preach the gospel.

2.2. Rejection of the Bible version of The Kingdom in favour of humanistic tales.

The Bible teaches clearly that the Kingdom is received in our hearts. As we submit to the sovereign rule of Yeshua, Jesus in our hearts, He manifests His Presence and Power through Holy Spirit in us. With the Holy Spirit in us, we enjoy righteousness, peace and joy as we no longer live for the present but the world to come. Romans 14:17-18; Matthew 6:19-34 are very clear on this. According to Luke 19:11-27, the redeemed of the Lord have been blessed with spiritual gifts and callings with which they are to undertake Kingdom business until Yeshua returns. This Kingdom business is twofold:

- On the one hand, it consists of representing Yeshua in all we do whether in our homes, neighbourhoods, workplaces, businesses and ministries. If we function by His anointing, gifts, talents and for His interests, we give Him great pleasure and He decorates us with great success.
- On the other hand, mindful of the fact that Yeshua will return one day to stamp out rebellion, set up the physical phase of the Kingdom; knowing the eternal state of doom for the lost, we labour day and night, deploying our gifts, callings and all resources to preach the good news of salvation in Him so that as many as will be saved can receive Him. 2 Corinthians 5:17-21; Matthew 28:18-20; Acts 1:8 illustrate this reality of what should be our priorities.

2.3 Another group have come up with another gospel all together and have gathered many saints to their doctrine. they claim Jesus already came back in AD 70 at the fall of Jerusalem and now lives in the heart of the redeemed, meaning He is not coming back again. Called the Preterists, their champion whose ministry is in Chicago has successfully repackaged his public image. It needs to be stated that once the motivation of the return of Yeshua is removed from the heart and mind of a saint, preaching of the gospel becomes a secondary issue.

2.4 In the past 30 or so years, a new humanistic gospel has been spawned which effectively discounts this future phase of the Kingdom. Saints are no longer encouraged to labour for it; to invest in eternity but to pursue commanding heights of politics, business, entertainment, sports and other sectors of life and in so doing, they will 'take over' the world and establish the Blessed Kingdom of Elohim. When they have presumably achieved this El Dorado, the world will effectively be under the dominion of Christ!

2.5 Within the past 40 years also another humanistic gospel has steadily been recruiting saints successfully. It is, for want of a better word, the gospel based on the New Plastic Cross, rather than the Old Rugged Cross! As you read their books and listen to their sermons, here are some of the strange fires you will notice: They believe that preaching the passion, death, burial and resurrection of Yeshua is offensive to Jews, Muslims and other religions.

Therefore, this seeker-sensitive model teaches that we do not make the death and resurrection a fulcrum of preaching. They advocate political correctness so that people will come and enjoy our services so much that they will come again and again and gradually be 'assimilated' into our ministries and congregations! The 'go ye' factor is thus scrapped and in its place, is a 'come here' philosophy. Rather than go look for sinners to preach to, our attention and investments should be tilted towards building better sanctuaries and planning services which attract them.

In this context, rather than preach, we should look for common ground with those of other faith and as we make friends, they can be attracted to participate in our services. This gospel projects that if we

labour with people of other religions to solve the problems of the world – famine, stop wars and engage in humanitarian work, the world will enjoy peace and the Kingdom presumably established.

3. Loss of First Love for Elohim and fellow humans

Many saints have been so distracted by the challenges and issues of life that their passion for the things of eternity has been substantially erased. The word of Yeshua to the Church at Ephesus is relevant.

Revelation 2:1-5 (KJV) *1 Unto the angel of the church of Ephesus write; These things saith he that holdeth the seven stars in his right hand, who walketh in the midst of the seven golden candlesticks; 2 I know thy works, and thy labour, and thy patience, and how thou canst not bear them which are evil: and thou hast tried them which say they are apostles, and are not, and hast found them liars: 3 And hast borne, and hast patience, and for my name's sake hast laboured, and hast not fainted. 4 Nevertheless I have somewhat against thee, because thou hast left thy first love. 5 Remember therefore from whence thou art fallen, and repent, and do the first works; or else I will come unto thee quickly, and will remove thy candlestick out of his place, except thou repent.*

4. Hijack of the gospel by control freaks

There are ministries where control freaks have gathered saints unto themselves. To maintain this dominance over the lives of saints, they are not permitted to reach out to other saints or to the lost, lest they 'are polluted'. In a sense, these modern day Jezebels are trying to become Lords over saints and push Yeshua, Jesus aside. When this is so, saints are not motivated to preach the gospel. The gospel is an empowering project where saints are taught, trained, equipped, activated and released to make disciples of all men.

5. Materialism, deception of wealth and Established Churches

Elohim blesses His saints with all good things how and when it pleases Him! Those who teach otherwise, preaching poverty as virtue are promoting one of the pillars of religion. However, there is a real danger when saints are exposed to the new age false materialism and 'prosperity gospel'. This is marked by persistent preaching and teachings on material wealth and the need to get rich. This can shift their focus in life from the Kingdom to self-gratification, a direct disobedience to Yeshua's Words in Matthew 6:19-34. The warning of Paul in 1 Timothy 6:6-10 is not to be taken lightly. Here is how Yeshua looked at a Church which boasted in its wealth. It is a message that should cause the Church in The West to turn to the Lord in repentance!

Revelation 3:14-20 (KJV) *14 And unto the angel of the church of the Laodiceans write; These things saith the Amen, the faithful and true witness, the beginning of the creation of God; 15 I know thy works, that thou art neither cold nor hot: I would thou wert cold or hot. 16 So then because thou art lukewarm, and neither cold nor hot, I will spue thee out of my mouth. 17 Because thou sayest, I am rich, and increased with goods, and have need of nothing; and knowest not that thou art wretched, and miserable, and poor, and blind, and naked: 18 I counsel thee to buy of me gold tried in the fire, that thou mayest be rich; and white raiment, that thou mayest be clothed, and that the shame of thy nakedness do not appear; and anoint thine eyes with eyesalve, that thou mayest see. 19 As many as I love, I rebuke and chasten: be zealous therefore, and repent. 20 Behold, I stand at the door, and knock: if any man hear my voice, and open the door, I will come in to him, and will sup with him, and he with me.*

6. Spiritual Death

Many saints and ministries may look robust and healthy but Elohim deems them otherwise. These are churches that use money and Hollywood style special effects to draw crowds that remain babes, needing fixes of encouragement and admonishments of good times. When Churches make their Television presence the fulcrum of corporate life, they may not have enough time and space for the Great Commission. A day is coming when Elohim will evaluate whether TV ministries were focused on salvation of the lost and grounding the saved to be Disciples of Yeshua or followers and clones of mere mortals.

Revelation 3:1-3 (KJV) *1 And unto the angel of the church in Sardis write; These things saith he that hath the seven Spirits of God, and the seven stars; I know thy works, that thou hast a name that thou livest, and art dead. 2 Be watchful, and strengthen the things which remain, that are ready to die: for I have not found thy works perfect before God. 3 Remember therefore how thou hast received and heard, and hold fast, and repent. If therefore thou shalt not watch, I will come on thee as a thief, and thou shalt not know what hour I will come upon thee.*

7. Satan, working through Disobedience, Ignorance and Fear

There are many other hindrances and no single book can document them all. However, we must never for a moment forget that Satan is the Chief Hinderer of the Great Commission! He works through ignorance to make saints unaware of how critical their obedience is in the economy of the Kingdom. Satan also works through projecting the spirit of fear into many saints. Fear of rejection, fear of abuse or even physical inconvenience grips others and hinders them from engagement in the 'Go Ye' mandate. There are others he tempts to just disobey Elohim and 'get on with their lives'! How absurd! All saints must rise in the dimension of prayer and spiritual warfare to ensure that every kind of satanic yoke holding them down with paralysis is broken!

Satan also has a habit of directly hindering those who go forth to preach the gospel as he did to Paul:

1 Thessalonians 2:18 (KJV) *18 Wherefore we would have come unto you, even I Paul, once and again; but Satan hindered us.*

Another approach of Satan is to close the hearts and minds of those to whom the gospel is preached so that they do not comprehend anything.

Matthew 13:3-4, 18-19 (KJV) *3 And he spake many things unto them in parables, saying, Behold, a sower went forth to sow; 4 And when he sowed, some seeds fell by the way side, and the fowls came and devoured them up.*

18 Hear ye therefore the parable of the sower. 19 When any one heareth the word of the kingdom, and understandeth it not, then cometh the wicked one, and catcheth away that which was sown in his heart. This is he which received seed by the way side.

2 Corinthians 4:3-4 (KJV) *3 But if our gospel be hid, it is hid to them that are lost: 4 In whom the god of this world hath blinded the minds of them which believe not, lest the light of the glorious gospel of Christ, who is the image of God, should shine unto them.*

8. Anti-Christian Culture and Laws.

In some nations, the public space is now regulated by anti-Christian culture and laws. Some of the Laws target preaching of the gospel. What saints need to do is spend quality time with the Lord in prayer and

He will reveal strategies and give wisdom with which and through which the gospel can still be preached!

9. Inability to comprehend the reality that those without Yeshua are bound for eternal torment.

When saints are unable to be aware of the reality that their family members, neighbours and friends are marching slowly and steadily into an eternity of torment, there may be no burden for their Salvation.

10. Making Excuses; Laziness; Carelessness; Irresponsibility or Indifference

Many saints have all kinds of excuses to make for not being invested in fulfilling the Great Commission. Let us note that in the final analysis, no excuse is valid! Some other saints are not able to be involved out of carelessness; no sense of responsibility towards sinners or just indifference. These are not acceptable to Elohim because He saved us in order to use us as vessels to reach the unsaved.

11. Inadequate Financial and Material Resources

There are many faithful and holy brethren who contend with inadequate financial and material resources to execute the Great Commission the way they would have liked. What the Lord says to such people is simple: Just Go Ye, according to your capacity and give Him space to bring the souls to repentance. In other words, the solution is to function within the limits of resources He has already given to us. If we do not for instance have money to wage expensive campaigns in the Mass media, let us use free space on social media to effectively reach as many as we can!

12. Danger posed by worldliness.

When saints love the world and its amusements, their spiritual appetites for the things of God and the Kingdom are blunted.

1 John 2:15-17 (KJV) *15 Love not the world, neither the things that are in the world. If any man love the world, the love of the Father is not in him. 16 For all that is in the world, the lust of the flesh, and the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life, is not of the Father, but is of the world. 17 And the world passeth away, and the lust thereof: but he that doeth the will of God abideth for ever.*

The fact that it is politically incorrect to say those who have not received Yeshua are sinners, many saints have been hoodwinked to forget the truth that there are two broad races of people on earth: saints and sinners.

It is for this reason Elohim asks His saints to come out from all unequal yokes with people and things which are not of His Kingdom so that they will not defile and destroy spirituality.

2 Corinthians 6:14-18 (KJV) *14 Be ye not unequally yoked together with unbelievers: for what fellowship hath righteousness with unrighteousness? and what communion hath light with darkness? 15 And what concord hath Christ with Belial? or what part hath he that believeth with an infidel? 16 And what agreement hath the temple of God with idols? for ye are the temple of the living God; as God hath said, I will dwell in them, and walk in them; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people. 17 Wherefore come out from among them, and be ye separate, saith the Lord, and touch not the unclean thing; and I will receive you. 18 And will be a Father unto you, and ye shall be my sons and daughters, saith the Lord Almighty.*

13. Isolation from Sinners

Isolation is the religious lifestyle of avoiding contact with sinners or deliberate efforts to keep away from them.

We are not called to isolation because they are part of the reason why God keeps us alive. Without sinners, saints will have little Kingdom business to transact on this side of eternity! Contrary to the claims that we are here on earth to establish the physical dimension of the Kingdom, our major remit in the now is to be used of the Holy Spirit to prepare as many as Elohim ordained to qualify as citizens of the Kingdom ahead of the return of Yeshua. Elohim has deliberately planted us amongst sinners so that He can use us to reach them with the good news that Yeshua has paid the price for their reconciliation to Him. In effect, though we are in the world, we are not of it because we labour and prepare for the world to come! Jesus made this clear in John 17.

John 17:6, 9, 11-12 (KJV) *6 I have manifested thy name unto the men which thou gavest me out of the world: thine they were, and thou gavest them me; and they have kept thy word.*

9 I pray for them: I pray not for the world, but for them which thou hast given me; for they are thine.

11 And now I am no more in the world, but these are in the world, and I come to thee. Holy Father, keep through thine own name those whom thou hast given me, that they may be one, as we are. 12 While I was with them in the world, I kept them in thy name: those that thou gavest me I have kept, and none of them is lost, but the son of perdition; that the scripture might be fulfilled.

John 17:14-16, 18, 20 (KJV) *14 I have given them thy word; and the world hath hated them, because they are not of the world, even as I am not of the world. 15 I pray not that thou shouldest take them out of the world, but that thou shouldest keep them from the evil. 16 They are not of the world, even as I am not of the world.*

18 As thou hast sent me into the world, even so have I also sent them into the world.

20 Neither pray I for these alone, but for them also which shall believe on me through their word;

What these and other errors that deviate from the Bible have done is to effectively snuff out burden for souls from saints and blunt their readiness to be used by The Lord in executing the Great Commission. We will never be effective for Yeshua but will rather waste His grace when we are only comfortable with fellow saints! Our Light is not to be hidden from those who need it most: those in darkness.

Review Questions

1. Please discuss any 7 of these hindrances to fulfilment of the Great Commission that resonates most in your heart
2. Please share any new insight you gained today.

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Chapter 9

Role of Signs, Wonders & Miracles in the Great Commission

Divine work is to be backed by Divine Evidence!

The Great Commission is a divine work, designed to be backed by divine evidence. That is why Yeshua made it clear that signs and wonders will follow those who believe. As the early Church obeyed and believed, they saw physical proof of divine connection!

Mark 16:15-20 (KJV) *15 And he said unto them, Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature. 16 He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved; but he that believeth not shall be damned. 17 **And these signs shall follow them that believe; In my name shall they cast out devils; they shall speak with new tongues; 18 They shall take up serpents; and if they drink any deadly thing, it shall not hurt them; they shall lay hands on the sick, and they shall recover.** 19 So then after the Lord had spoken unto them, he was received up into heaven, and sat on the right hand of God 20 And they went forth, and preached everywhere, the Lord working with them, and confirming the word with signs following. Amen.*

Yeshua who commissioned His Church to go knew that Satan and his cohorts would stand ready to hinder saints. He knew that saints would encounter sceptics who would not be moved by the preaching of the word. He knew also that in the course of preaching the gospel, saints would encounter situations like diseases, demonic oppression/possession which would be beyond their natural capacity to deal with. That is why He restrained the disciples from going forth to preach the gospel until they were filled with the Holy Spirit and received the power to function as instruments of divinity in the world.

Acts 1:4-5, 8 (KJV) *4 And, being assembled together with them, commanded them that they should not depart from Jerusalem, but wait for the promise of the Father, which, saith he, ye have heard of me. 5 For John truly baptized with water; but ye shall be baptized with the Holy Ghost not many days hence.*

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.

From the day of Pentecost, the world changed forever with a new reality: that The Holy Spirit would no longer merely come upon vessels chosen for a specific purpose but would indwell them! The Temple of Elohim had shifted from the Mount of Jerusalem into the hearts or spirit-man of saints on earth! Redeemed mankind had been inducted into a new realm of son ship by which they could do all that Jesus did in the body and even much more as He Himself prophesied:

John 14:12 (KJV) *12 Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that believeth on me, the **works** that I do shall he do also; and **greater works** than these shall he do; because I go unto my Father.*

Earlier Jesus had given the key to the miraculous when He declared that:

1. Miracles would occur if saints preaching in His Name encounter situations requiring divine intervention.

Mark 9:38-40 (KJV) *38 And John answered him, saying, Master, we saw one casting out devils in thy name, and he followeth not us: and we forbid him, because he followeth not us. 39 But Jesus said, Forbid him not: for there is no*

man which shall do a miracle in my name, that can lightly speak evil of me. 40 For he that is not against us is on our part.

John 14:13-14 (KJV) *13 And whatsoever ye shall ask in my name, that will I do, that the Father may be glorified in the Son. 14 If ye shall ask any thing in my name, I will do it.*

John 16:23-26 (KJV) *23 And in that day ye shall ask me nothing. Verily, verily, I say unto you, Whatsoever ye shall ask the Father in my name, he will give it you. 24 Hitherto have ye asked nothing in my name: ask, and ye shall receive, that your joy may be full. 25 These things have I spoken unto you in proverbs: but the time cometh, when I shall no more speak unto you in proverbs, but I shall shew you plainly of the Father. 26 At that day ye shall ask in my name: and I say not unto you, that I will pray the Father for you:*

This is the reason why saints of today must recover this lost axe head: preaching in The Name of Jesus and on the basis of His true identity!

2. If saints would die to self, take up their cross and follow Him, they would be used as He was used by the Father (Matthew 16:24-26).

John 12:24 (KJV) *24 Verily, verily, I say unto you, Except a corn of wheat fall into the ground and die, it abideth alone: but if it die, it bringeth forth much fruit.*

True to the prophecy of Jesus, the early Church preached in no other Name than the Name of Yeshua. The outcome was self-evident:

- Multitudes were saved.

Acts 2:41-43 (KJV) *41 Then they that gladly received his word were baptized: and the same day there were added unto them about three thousand souls. 42 And they continued stedfastly in the apostles' doctrine and fellowship, and in breaking of bread, and in prayers. 43 And fear came upon every soul: and many wonders and signs were done by the apostles.*

Acts 3:1-11 (KJV) *1 Now Peter and John went up together into the temple at the hour of prayer, being the ninth hour. 2 And a certain man lame from his mother's womb was carried, whom they laid daily at the gate of the temple which is called Beautiful, to ask alms of them that entered into the temple; 3 Who seeing Peter and John about to go into the temple asked an alms. 4 And Peter, fastening his eyes upon him with John, said, Look on us. 5 And he gave heed unto them, expecting to receive something of them. 6 Then Peter said, Silver and gold have I none; but such as I have give I thee: In the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth rise up and walk. 7 And he took him by the right hand, and lifted him up: and immediately his feet and ankle bones received strength. 8 And he leaping up stood, and walked, and entered with them into the temple, walking, and leaping, and praising God. 9 And all the people saw him walking and praising God: 10 And they knew that it was he which sat for alms at the Beautiful gate of the temple: and they were filled with wonder and amazement at that which had happened unto him. 11 And as the lame man which was healed held Peter and John, all the people ran together unto them in the porch that is called Solomon's, greatly wondering.*

- The sick were healed.

Acts 5:12-16 (KJV) *12 And by the hands of the apostles were many signs and wonders wrought among the people; (and they were all with one accord in Solomon's porch. 13 And of the rest durst no man join himself to them: but the people magnified them. 14 And believers were the more added to the Lord, multitudes both of men and women.) 15 Insomuch that they brought forth the sick into the streets, and laid them on beds and couches, that at*

the least the shadow of Peter passing by might overshadow some of them. 16 There came also a multitude out of the cities round about unto Jerusalem, bringing sick folks, and them which were vexed with unclean spirits: and they were healed every one.

- **Saints experienced the tangible Presence and Power of Elohim so much that the fear of Him became real and those who lived in sin suffered the consequences.**

Acts 5:1-11 (KJV) *1 But a certain man named Ananias, with Sapphira his wife, sold a possession, 2 And kept back part of the price, his wife also being privy to it, and brought a certain part, and laid it at the apostles' feet. 3 But Peter said, Ananias, why hath Satan filled thine heart to lie to the Holy Ghost, and to keep back part of the price of the land? 4 Whiles it remained, was it not thine own? and after it was sold, was it not in thine own power? why hast thou conceived this thing in thine heart? thou hast not lied unto men, but unto God. 5 And Ananias hearing these words fell down, and gave up the ghost: and great fear came on all them that heard these things. 6 And the young men arose, wound him up, and carried him out, and buried him. 7 And it was about the space of three hours after, when his wife, not knowing what was done, came in. 8 And Peter answered unto her, Tell me whether ye sold the land for so much? And she said, Yea, for so much. 9 Then Peter said unto her, How is it that ye have agreed together to tempt the Spirit of the Lord? behold, the feet of them which have buried thy husband are at the door, and shall carry thee out. 10 Then fell she down straightway at his feet, and yielded up the ghost: and the young men came in, and found her dead, and, carrying her forth, buried her by her husband. 11 And great fear came upon all the church, and upon as many as heard these things.*

- When saints set their affection on the Kingdom to come, they allowed Elohim to use them 100 percent in the present dimension of the Kingdom.

Matthew 16:24-25 (KJV) *24 Then said Jesus unto his disciples, If any man will come after me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow me. 25 For whosoever will save his life shall lose it: and whosoever will lose his life for my sake shall find it.*

Revelation 12:11 (KJV) *11 And they overcame him by the blood of the Lamb, and by the word of their testimony; and they loved not their lives unto the death.*

The simple truth is that these miraculous manifestations that are described here were not confined to the early Church. They are to be the signature tune of the Church of Yeshua in all ages until His return to put down all rebellion and establish the physical dimension of the Kingdom.

2 Corinthians 12:12 (KJV) *12 Truly the signs of an apostle were wrought among you in all patience, in signs, and wonders, and mighty deeds.*

The Kingdom of Elohim, which in the now is in the hearts of saints is not to be in words only but demonstrated by the self-evident mighty acts of the Holy Spirit flowing through consecrated lives.

1 Corinthians 2:4-5 (KJV) *4 And my speech and my preaching was not with enticing words of man's wisdom, but in demonstration of the Spirit and of power: 5 That your faith should not stand in the wisdom of men, but in the power of God.*

Caveat: Not ALL saints can do the same Miracles!

It must be stated that not ALL saints will heal the sick, deliver the oppressed and call down fire from heaven. Gifts of Holy Spirit vary and some are more overt in manifestation than others. But acting together, we aggregate the fullness of the Presence and Power of Elohim!

1 Corinthians 12:4-12, 14, 27-30 (KJV) *4 Now there are diversities of gifts, but the same Spirit. 5 And there are differences of administrations, but the same Lord. 6 And there are diversities of operations, but it is the same God which worketh all in all. 7 But the manifestation of the Spirit is given to every man to profit withal. 8 For to one is given by the Spirit the word of wisdom; to another the word of knowledge by the same Spirit; 9 To another faith by the same Spirit; to another the gifts of healing by the same Spirit; 10 To another the working of miracles; to another prophecy; to another discerning of spirits; to another divers kinds of tongues; to another the interpretation of tongues: 11 But all these worketh that one and the selfsame Spirit, dividing to every man severally as he will. 12 For as the body is one, and hath many members, and all the members of that one body, being many, are one body: so also is Christ.*

14 For the body is not one member, but many.

27 Now ye are the body of Christ, and members in particular. 28 And God hath set some in the church, first apostles, secondarily prophets, thirdly teachers, after that miracles, then gifts of healings, helps, governments, diversities of tongues. 29 Are all apostles? are all prophets? are all teachers? are all workers of miracles? 30 Have all the gifts of healing? do all speak with tongues? do all interpret?

In pursuit of the Great Commission mandate, all saints who constitute the Royal Priesthood need to discover, exercise and develop the spiritual gifts granted to them which are for profit of the whole Body. Do so with all zeal and authority!

1 Corinthians 12:7 (KJV) *7 But the manifestation of the Spirit is given to every man to profit withal.*

1 Peter 4:10-11 (KJV) *10 As every man hath received the gift, even so minister the same one to another, as good stewards of the manifold grace of God. 11 If any man speak, let him speak as the oracles of God; if any man minister, let him do it as of the ability which God giveth: that God in all things may be glorified through Jesus Christ, to whom be praise and dominion for ever and ever. Amen.*

Isaiah 8:18 (KJV) *18 Behold, I **and** the children whom the Lord hath given me are **for signs and for wonders** in Israel from the Lord of hosts, which dwelleth in mount Zion.*

Do not despair or be discouraged that you cannot heal the sick, for instance when there are sick people in the ministry. Rather be humble to look for brethren Elohim has so gifted and allow them to pray for the sick and minister in the dimension of signs and wonders they have received grace for so that Elohim gets all the glory and His Church is edified! Elohim has designed us to be interdependent so that we will walk in unity which announces and glorifies Him. This is one of the reasons that ministers must avoid isolation. It is always better to connect and network with other ministers!

In any case, there are miracles Elohim can use any one to work when saints step out in faith and encounter situations where manifestation of them will glorify the Lord and bring breakthrough in the gospel mission.

Matthew 18:18 (KJV) *18 Verily I say unto you, Whatsoever ye shall bind on earth shall be bound in heaven: and whatsoever ye shall loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven.*

Mark 11:22-24 (KJV) 22 And Jesus answering saith unto them, Have faith in God. 23 For verily I say unto you, That whosoever shall say unto this mountain, Be thou removed, and be thou cast into the sea; and shall not doubt in his heart, but shall believe that those things which he saith shall come to pass; he shall have whatsoever he saith. 24 Therefore I say unto you, What things soever ye desire, when ye pray, believe that ye receive them, and ye shall have them.

When two or more saints come into agreement of concerning need for miraculous manifestations, heaven often responds positively because Yeshua the Head is honoured in unity!

Matthew 18:19-20 (KJV) 19 Again I say unto you, That if two of you shall agree on earth as touching any thing that they shall ask, it shall be done for them of my Father which is in heaven. 20 For where two or three are gathered together in my name, there am I in the midst of them.

Conclusion:

There are times when Elohim deems it needful to release spectacular signs and wonders and various pure miraculous manifestations as an instrument of breaking through a territory with the gospel.

There is acknowledgement of the presence of the King and His Kingdom

Luke 11:20 (KJV) 20 But if I with the finger of God cast out devils, no doubt the kingdom of God is come upon you.

Hearts of those closed to the gospel are opened.

Acts 13:5-12 (KJV) 5 And when they were at Salamis, they preached the word of God in the synagogues of the Jews: and they had also John to their minister. 6 And when they had gone through the isle unto Paphos, they found a certain sorcerer, a false prophet, a Jew, whose name was Barjesus: 7 Which was with the deputy of the country, Sergius Paulus, a prudent man; who called for Barnabas and Saul, and desired to hear the word of God. 8 But Elymas the sorcerer (for so is his name by interpretation) withstood them, seeking to turn away the deputy from the faith. 9 Then Saul, (who also is called Paul,) filled with the Holy Ghost, set his eyes on him. 10 And said, O full of all subtilty and all mischief, thou child of the devil, thou enemy of all righteousness, wilt thou not cease to pervert the right ways of the Lord? 11 And now, behold, the hand of the Lord is upon thee, and thou shalt be blind, not seeing the sun for a season. And immediately there fell on him a mist and a darkness; and he went about seeking some to lead him by the hand. 12 Then the deputy, when he saw what was done, believed, being astonished at the doctrine of the Lord.

Warning!

Signs and wonders and miracles should not be 'hawked' for money; neither should they be used to project image and name of the human vessel nor promote sectarian interests of denominated congregations. The principle is that we utilise them to lift up the Name of Yeshua our King so that Sinners who would never have encountered Him through the normal channels of evangelism are made to come near. In effect, the miracles draw them closer like a spiritual bait while the ultimate objective is their translation from darkness of Sin and worldly culture to one of receiving love of the Father and submission to authority of the King of Kings, Yeshua.

John 12:32 (KJV) 32 And I, if I be lifted up from the earth, will draw all men unto me.

Review Questions

1. Please summarise this chapter
2. What new thing did you learn today?
3. Please mention any 2 Bible passages cited in this chapter you had not read or understood before

Chapter 10

Debunking basis of the Pseudo-kingdom

Content of the Great Commission: Yeshua, Jesus and the Kingdom only is our message!

Because of a dangerous wind of doctrine called the pseudo-kingdom gospel, we will need to recap some of the things shared in previous chapters and zoom in on how the true gospel is about Yeshua and the Kingdom. Those who advocate that we do not preach Yeshua but preach the Kingdom are on a wrong path! They are putting the cart before the horse or worse still; they are involved, perhaps unconsciously, in offering saints a Golden Calf! There is salvation, healing and deliverance in no other name than this same Yeshua, Jesus!

Acts 4:12 (KJV) *12 Neither is there salvation in any other: for there is none other name under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved.*

The Great Commission was given by Yeshua our Messiah and it is about the incredible love of Elohim which led to His incarnation, life, passion, death and resurrection from the dead – as the only sufficient price for redemption of mankind from the yoke of Satan. By that act, Yeshua took away the legal hold of Satan over man and thus recovered the Kingdom mandate Elohim gave to mankind through Adam and Eve to be His sons and assigns on planet earth.

Those who receive Yeshua by grace, in faith, receive eternal life; change of status from children of Satan to sons of Elohim; they are transitioned from the kingdom of Satan to be citizens and ambassadors of the Kingdom of Elohim.

John 1:12 (KJV) *12 But as many as received him, to them gave he power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on his name:*

Ephesians 2:1-2 (KJV) *1 And you hath he quickened, who were dead in trespasses and sins; 2 Wherein in time past ye walked according to the course of this world, according to the prince of the power of the air, the spirit that now worketh in the children of disobedience:*

Colossians 1:12-14 (KJV) *12 Giving thanks unto the Father, which hath made us meet to be partakers of the inheritance of the saints in light: 13 Who hath delivered us from the power of darkness, and hath translated us into the kingdom of his dear Son: 14 In whom we have redemption through his blood, even the forgiveness of sins:*

The Great Commission is about Yeshua primarily! The Kingdom of Elohim that we are inducted into is a fruit, not a cause of our Salvation! Those who receive Yeshua have the privilege of becoming the very Temple of The Living Elohim who bought them with the price that is the Blood of Yeshua. This is why Holy Spirit moves from the outside into the inside of them.

1 Corinthians 6:19-20 (KJV) *19 What? know ye not that your body is the temple of the Holy Ghost which is in you, which ye have of God, and ye are not your own? 20 For ye are bought with a price: therefore glorify God in your body, and in your spirit, which are God's.*

The Grand Secret to the success of the early Church was that they kept the message simple: it was about receiving Yeshua and His propitiatory work at the Cross of Calvary! Whether they were preaching, it was in His Name. Whether they were confronted with sicknesses and diseases, they dared not heal in anything else than His Name. If they were confronting demons, they were cast out also in His Name! If they were to pray with effectiveness, it was in His Name that the Father could be validly approached!

Acts 2:38 (KJV) *38 Then Peter said unto them, Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins, and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost.*

Acts 3:6 (KJV) *6 Then Peter said, Silver and gold have I none; but such as I have give I thee: In the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth rise up and walk.*

They were simply obeying the Master who made it clear that His Name would represent His being, Presence, glory and Power! It was also to be their access to the Throne of Grace to receive answers to prayer and fulfilment of whatever was needful for their assignment.

Matthew 18:20 (KJV) *20 For where two or three are gathered together in my name, there am I in the midst of them.*

Mark 16:17-18 (KJV) *17 And these signs shall follow them that believe; In my name shall they cast out devils; they shall speak with new tongues; 18 They shall take up serpents; and if they drink any deadly thing, it shall not hurt them; they shall lay hands on the sick, and they shall recover.*

John 14:12-14 (KJV) *12 Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that believeth on me, the works that I do shall he do also; and greater works than these shall he do; because I go unto my Father. 13 And whatsoever ye shall ask in my name, that will I do, that the Father may be glorified in the Son. 14 If ye shall ask any thing in my name, I will do it.*

John 15:16 (KJV) *16 Ye have not chosen me, but I have chosen you, and ordained you, that ye should go and bring forth fruit, and that your fruit should remain: that whatsoever ye shall ask of the Father **in my name**, he may give it you.*

John 16:23-25 (KJV) *23 And in that day ye shall ask me nothing. Verily, verily, I say unto you, Whatsoever ye shall ask the Father in my name, he will give it you. 24 Hitherto have ye asked nothing in my name: ask, and ye shall receive, that your joy may be full. 25 These things have I spoken unto you in proverbs: but the time cometh, when I shall no more speak unto you in proverbs, but I shall shew you plainly of the Father.*

The reason for this simple and yet effective strategy was that Yeshua was no ordinary prophet or Messenger! He was and is the Elohim who became man – was incarnated- so that death could be tasted for every Those who believe thereby make the transition into the Kingdom as sons of Abba! That Name has power of itself!

Hebrews 2:10-15 (KJV) *10 For it became him, for whom are all things, and by whom are all things, in bringing many sons unto glory, to make the captain of their salvation perfect through sufferings. 11 For both he that sanctifieth and they who are sanctified are all of one: for which cause he is not ashamed to call them brethren, 12 Saying, I will declare thy name unto my brethren, in the midst of the church will I sing praise unto thee. 13 And again, I will put my trust in him. And again, Behold I and the children which God hath given me. 14 Forasmuch then as the children are partakers of flesh and blood, he also himself likewise took part of the same; that through death he might destroy him that had the power of death, that is, the devil; 15 And deliver them who through fear of death were all their lifetime subject to bondage.*

Philippians 2:9-11 (KJV) *9 Wherefore God also hath highly exalted him, and given him a name which is above every name: 10 That at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of things in heaven, and things in earth, and things under the earth; 11 And that every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.*

The Grand Error: Misapplication of Matthew 6:33

Some people have taken Matthew 6:33 out of context and used it to confuse saints that they should seek and preach the Kingdom and not Yeshua, Jesus.

Matthew 6:33 (KJV) *33 But seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you.*

How absurd! How can you seek a Kingdom outside of the King? The Kingdom is owned by the King. When you have the King, you have His Kingdom! The Kingdom of Elohim is received in our hearts when we forgo Satan and ourselves and give Him the right of way to exercise His Sovereign rule over our lives! When the King reigns in lives of saints, their life pursuits change dramatically!

Romans 14:17-19 (KJV) *17 For the kingdom of God is not meat and drink; but righteousness, and peace, and joy in the Holy Ghost. 18 For he that in these things serveth Christ is acceptable to God, and approved of men. 19 Let us therefore follow after the things which make for peace, and things wherewith one may edify another.*

If the Kingdom is in our hearts, Yeshua Jesus would not ask us to seek for it as in something we have not yet received. Matthew 6:33 is part of a Kingdom mandate stretching across verses 19-34. The King was telling His citizens not to allow food and drink, what to wear, where to live and all the normal needs of life to pre-occupy their attention. They were rather to invest His grace, gifts, callings, abilities, resources and even life itself to seek advancement of His Kingdom agenda above all else and trust Him to care for them as a benevolent King! The agenda of the Kingdom includes these core issues

- Live for the world to come when Yeshua will return to set up the physical phase of the Kingdom. In other words, saints are to focus on eternal things as they face the normal choices and issues of life and respond in the context of what will please the King.

2 Corinthians 4:16-18 (KJV) *16 For which cause we faint not; but though our outward man perish, yet the inward man is renewed day by day. 17 For our light affliction, which is but for a moment, worketh for us a far more exceeding and eternal weight of glory; 18 While we look not at the things which are seen, but at the things which are not seen: for the things which are seen are temporal; but the things which are not seen are eternal.*

- To this extent, saints are required to place their standing before the King at His return as the fulcrum of their lives. Whatever we can do today which will hurt our prospects of eternal rewards starting with our future estate as those who will co-rule this earth for 1,000 years with Christ and as His priests should be deemed dung!
- Revelation 1:6; Revelation 5:9-10; Revelation 20:1-6 reveal that the priesthood we exercise today is but a dress rehearsal for the full estate that lies ahead when Yeshua returns. This is because billions of souls will translate into eternity at His coming and will need the services of priests who will teach them ordinances of The Kingdom! Saints will be assigned to also rule as Kings over specific territories and report to Yeshua who will rule on a physical throne in

Jerusalem for that period of time. That is why Jerusalem is the cynosure of satanic attempts to destroy and crush!

- The entire context of Matthew 6:19-34 is better appreciated when we understand Luke 19:11-27. We are to 'occupy' or do 'Kingdom Business' until Yeshua returns. In other words, we must see ourselves as assigns holding brief for the King who will return at a time only the Father knows. For this reason, we are to invest all the callings, gifts and opportunities given to us as instruments in labouring for Him. We are not to labour for food and drinks and other perishable items. Those are guaranteed the faithful by our heavenly Father.
- Let us always remember that the Kingdom has 2 dimensions:

Kingdom Within: those who are truly saved need to enthrone Him as Sovereign ruler of their lives – totally

Kingdom to come: true saints need to live now, in the Light of eternity. They live for the Kingdom to come! When saints align these two dimensions of the Kingdom properly, it should affect:

i. Their belief system

ii. The choices they make

iii. Their lifestyles

iv. Their Priorities – To occupy, until He comes

iv. Their focus

- Our core labour is to be reconciliation of sinners to the Saviour so that the full measure of citizens ordained for the Kingdom at inception of its manifest phase can come in now. 2 Corinthians 5:17-21 explains the primacy of the ministry of reconciliation for all true saints.
- The King may be disposed, because of His assignment on the lives of some saints, to elevate them in the financial, social, political and governmental arena. Such people must do well to note that faith worthies like Abraham, Isaac, Jacob were very wealthy and yet focused intently on the world to come. Joseph and Daniel were lifted highly on the political and governmental arena and yet the fulcrum of their lives was the world to come. Joshua was an extraordinary General and Governmental leader; Nehemiah was an astute administrator. Esther was a favoured Queen. Deborah was a successful business woman, prophetess and leader. Yet their focus was on the world to come. Joseph of Arimathea was rich that he could build his own tomb and had access to the Roman Governor, Pontius Pilate. At appointed time, he stepped up the plate to fulfil His manifest destiny which was to provide a rich man's grave for Yeshua as prophesied hundreds of years before. Barnabbas was wealthy but rather than being high minded, he became a son of consolation. These wealthy saints never allowed wealth to come in the way of faithful service but rather became instruments of fulfilling their ministries

Among great vessels who served Yeshua and in the early Church were highly placed individuals. Because they focused rightly on eternity, they gained both worlds. In this generation, Abba will lift many saints

and expects them to use their positions, wealth and influence as stewards of the King, drawing many to Him with their life and preaching as effective witness that Yeshua is indeed Lord!

May the Lord deliver His entire remnants who have taken any measure of the leaven of the pseudo-kingdom movement! May all saints learn to believe the Word and Holy Spirit more than the sweet tongue of intellectuals who have allowed their fertile imaginations to re-write the Bible and misinterpret core scriptures to suit humanistic models of the Kingdom!

May Elohim reveal to all His saints the necessity of living for the King in the light of eternity and the certainty that He will return to take account of whether we lived for Him, for self or for Satan. May none of us be ashamed at His coming! It is time to fill the earth with The glorious Name of Yeshua.

When He is lifted up, He will draw all men to Himself, just as He promised!

For this reason, the greatest investment any saint can make in this world is that of helping human beings with eternal soul to hear the gospel so that they can be saved and thus translated from the kingdom of darkness into the Kingdom of Elohim!

The question is: what hinders you as a person and your ministry from going forth/Go Ye for King Yeshua?

Review Questions

1. Why is the preaching that saints should preach the Kingdom rather than Yeshua, Jesus a false one?
2. Please share 3 things you learnt from this chapter.

Chapter 11

Some Salient Issues regarding The Great Commission

In this chapter, we begin the process of winding down on this critical study of the Great Commission. The Course is freely received and freely released for benefits of those in the Master Class as well as all those who are willing to learn the Truth Elohim has given to the Body through Global School of Ministry. The reason why the lessons are released freely on Facebook and other internet based platforms is that saints world-wide will go forth everywhere preaching Yeshua and the Kingdom. When this paradigm becomes a Kingdom lifestyle, saints will see signs and wonders follow to confirm His Presence!

Mark 16:15-20 (KJV) *15 And he said unto them, Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature. 16 He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved; but he that believeth not shall be damned. 17 And these signs shall follow them that believe; In my name shall they cast out devils; they shall speak with new tongues; 18 They shall take up serpents; and if they drink any deadly thing, it shall not hurt them; they shall lay hands on the sick, and they shall recover. 19 So then after the Lord had spoken unto them, he was received up into heaven, and sat on the right hand of God. 20 And they went forth, and preached every where, the Lord working with them, and confirming the word with signs following. Amen.*

This is a far better proposition than the current system where multitudes of saints are running from pillar to post, seeking contact with the next assumed ‘miracle worker’. It is needful to realize that nothing scares Satan as to see saints individually and severally becoming effective witnesses of Yeshua, Jesus! When saints are fervent in spirit and passionate about the King; when His Majestic Name is lifted high by our transformed, yielded lives, focus on things of eternal value and by getting involved in His Mission Statement: ‘to seek and save the lost’ as per Luke 19:10, we make Satan uncomfortable.

The reason is simple: participation in the Great Commission is the only appointed way of de-populating the masses that are hell bound and ensuring their transition into the eternal Kingdom of Elohim. Sinners cannot come unto Yeshua except the Father draws them. However, Abba has not appointed angels or any other of His vast creation to do the proclamation of the only appointed means of salvation. Abba has rather appointed to use redeemed humans – His saints – to act as the vital bridge connecting His grace to those outside His Commonwealth.

It is significant that such a seemingly ordinary activity: preaching Yeshua and Him crucified in demonstration of the unsurpassable love of Elohim is the ONLY appointed pathway for Sinners to hear; respond and be saved!

1 Corinthians 1:18 (KJV) *18 For the preaching of the cross is to them that perish foolishness; but unto us which are saved it is the power of God.*

1 Corinthians 1:21 (KJV) *21 For after that in **the wisdom of God the world by wisdom knew not God, it pleased God by the foolishness of preaching** to save them that believe.*

Withholding our vessels because of any excuse therefore amounts to both disobedience, lack of true love for those who are lost as well as selfishness of the extreme grade. This is because The King has

appointed that all who will love Him will also love both the brethren already within the fold as well as those appointed for salvation that are yet outside. Some of them are members of our families, neighbours, colleagues, friends and those we connected with during the course of our pilgrimage on earth. Shall we withhold the life-saving truth that Yeshua is the key to a change in destination? Shall we forbear from declaring the incredible and immeasurable love of God in Yeshua which simplifies salvation for all who will receive this simple instruction?

John 14: 6 (KJV) *6 Jesus saith unto him, I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me.*

Romans 10:8-10 (KJV) *8 But what saith it? The word is nigh thee, even in thy mouth, and in thy heart: that is, the word of faith, which we preach; 9 That if thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved. 10 For with the heart man believeth unto righteousness; and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation.*

The irony is that in making the pathway to Salvation as simple as this, those who reject same have by so doing willingly opted for a lifetime without Elohim and eternity of damnation. That is why the Gospel is a double edge sword!

John 3:16-19 (KJV) *16 For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life. 17 For God sent not his Son into the world to condemn the world; but that the world through him might be saved. 18 He that believeth on him is not condemned: but he that believeth not is condemned already, because he hath not believed in the name of the only begotten Son of God. 19 And this is the condemnation, that light is come into the world, and men loved darkness rather than light, because their deeds were evil.*

1 Peter 2:6-8 (KJV) *6 Wherefore also it is contained in the scripture, Behold, I lay in Sion a chief corner stone, elect, precious: and he that believeth on him shall not be confounded. 7 Unto you therefore which believe he is precious: but unto them which be disobedient, the stone which the builders disallowed, the same is made the head of the corner, 8 And a stone of stumbling, and a rock of offence, even to them which stumble at the word, being disobedient: whereunto also they were appointed.*

Knowing the terror of the Lord, we ought to spend and be spent, making every possible sacrifice, as Holy Spirit inspires and leads us to ensure that no one falls short of the Grace of Elohim in Yeshua. The reality that Salvation is entirely by His Grace and all that is required of those appointed is to receive the message by Faith should spur us to tarry in prayer for wisdom on our part and tenderness of heart on the part of hearers.

Ephesians 2:1-9 (KJV) *1 And you hath he quickened, who were dead in trespasses and sins; 2 Wherein in time past ye walked according to the course of this world, according to the prince of the power of the air, the spirit that now worketh in the children of disobedience: 3 Among whom also we all had our conversation in times past in the lusts of our flesh, fulfilling the desires of the flesh and of the mind; and were by nature the children of wrath, even as others. 4 But God, who is rich in mercy, for his great love wherewith he loved us, 5 Even when we were dead in sins, hath quickened us together with Christ, (by grace ye are saved;) 6 And hath raised us up together, and made us sit together in heavenly places in Christ Jesus: 7 That in the ages to come he might shew the exceeding riches of his grace in his kindness toward us through Christ Jesus. 8 For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God: 9 Not of works, lest any man should boast.*

2 Corinthians 5:10-11 (KJV) *10 For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ; that every one may receive the things done in his body, according to that he hath done, whether it be good or bad. 11 Knowing therefore the terror of the Lord, we persuade men; but we are made manifest unto God; and I trust also are made manifest in your consciences.*

There is one thing every healthy saint should do without struggle: Be a witness for Yeshua, Jesus!

Anything that hinders from witnessing is toxic and potentially fatal. Those things which induce hindrance include: doctrines of men or demons; love of the world; pride of life; timidity and fear.

The power of the Holy Spirit is available for all who are willing to go: from their home base to their nation, region and world-wide as Yeshua said in Acts 1:8!

The case of Peter is worth recounting. He was a flip flopper who was so concerned for his own safety that he denied Yeshua three times, even before a powerless maid. When Holy Spirit came upon Him, holy boldness was received to preach with boldness to multitudes in Jerusalem:

Acts 2:13-41 (KJV) *13 Others mocking said, These men are full of new wine. 14 But Peter, standing up with the eleven, lifted up his voice, and said unto them, Ye men of Judaea, and all ye that dwell at Jerusalem, be this known unto you, and hearken to my words: 15 For these are not drunken, as ye suppose, seeing it is but the third hour of the day. 16 But this is that which was spoken by the prophet Joel; 17 And it shall come to pass in the last days, saith God, I will pour out of my Spirit upon all flesh: and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, and your young men shall see visions, and your old men shall dream dreams: 18 And on my servants and on my handmaidens I will pour out in those days of my Spirit; and they shall prophesy: 19 And I will shew wonders in heaven above, and signs in the earth beneath; blood, and fire, and vapour of smoke: 20 The sun shall be turned into darkness, and the moon into blood, before the great and notable day of the Lord come: 21 And it shall come to pass, that whosoever shall call on the name of the Lord shall be saved. 22 Ye men of Israel, hear these words; Jesus of Nazareth, a man approved of God among you by miracles and wonders and signs, which God did by him in the midst of you, as ye yourselves also know: 23 Him, being delivered by the determinate counsel and foreknowledge of God, ye have taken, and by wicked hands have crucified and slain: 24 Whom God hath raised up, having loosed the pains of death: because it was not possible that he should be holden of it. 25 For David speaketh concerning him, I foresaw the Lord always before my face, for he is on my right hand, that I should not be moved: 26 Therefore did my heart rejoice, and my tongue was glad; moreover also my flesh shall rest in hope: 27 Because thou wilt not leave my soul in hell, neither wilt thou suffer thine Holy One to see corruption. 28 Thou hast made known to me the ways of life; thou shalt make me full of joy with thy countenance. 29 Men and brethren, let me freely speak unto you of the patriarch David, that he is both dead and buried, and his sepulchre is with us unto this day. 30 Therefore being a prophet, and knowing that God had sworn with an oath to him, that of the fruit of his loins, according to the flesh, he would raise up Christ to sit on his throne; 31 He seeing this before spake of the resurrection of Christ, that his soul was not left in hell, neither his flesh did see corruption. 32 This Jesus hath God raised up, whereof we all are witnesses. 33 Therefore being by the right hand of God exalted, and having received of the Father the promise of the Holy Ghost, he hath shed forth this, which ye now see and hear. 34 For David is not ascended into the heavens: but he saith himself, The Lord said unto my Lord, Sit thou on my right hand, 35 Until I make thy foes thy footstool. 36 Therefore let all the house of Israel know assuredly, that God hath made the same Jesus, whom ye have crucified, both Lord and Christ. 37 Now when they heard this, they were pricked in their heart, and said unto Peter and to the rest of the apostles, Men and brethren, what shall we do? 38 Then Peter said unto them, Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins, and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost. 39 For the promise is unto you, and to your children, and to all that are afar off, even as many as the*

Lord our God shall call. 40 And with many other words did he testify and exhort, saying, Save yourselves from this untoward generation. 41 Then they that gladly received his word were baptized: and the same day there were added unto them about three thousand souls.

Acts 3:12-21 (KJV) *12 And when Peter saw it, he answered unto the people, Ye men of Israel, why marvel ye at this? or why look ye so earnestly on us, as though by our own power or holiness we had made this man to walk? 13 The God of Abraham, and of Isaac, and of Jacob, the God of our fathers, hath glorified his Son Jesus; whom ye delivered up, and denied him in the presence of Pilate, when he was determined to let him go. 14 But ye denied the Holy One and the Just, and desired a murderer to be granted unto you; 15 And killed the Prince of life, whom God hath raised from the dead; whereof we are witnesses. 16 And his name through faith in his name hath made this man strong, whom ye see and know: yea, the faith which is by him hath given him this perfect soundness in the presence of you all. 17 And now, brethren, I wot that through ignorance ye did it, as did also your rulers. 18 But those things, which God before had shewed by the mouth of all his prophets, that Christ should suffer, he hath so fulfilled. 19 Repent ye therefore, and be converted, that your sins may be blotted out, when the times of refreshing shall come from the presence of the Lord. 20 And he shall send Jesus Christ, which before was preached unto you: 21 Whom the heaven must receive until the times of restitution of all things, which God hath spoken by the mouth of all his holy prophets since the world began.*

The same Holy Spirit which made the difference in the life and ministry of Peter is still available today to indwell and energise saints to go forth and represent Yeshua as Kingdom Ambassadors!

Like the Alpha Church which was birthed in the Upper Room on the Day of Pentecost, let us wait on the Lord at the place of prayer and faith for a fresh infilling of the Holy Spirit with the consequent unction to be in 'Go Forth' mode, ready to fill the earth with the message of the love of God evidenced by our own transformed lives.

There is something attractive about the Kingdom focused life. When you see a Saint, who has been delivered from the bondage of living just to earn an income for meeting needs or vanity and translated to become complete yielded vessels in the hand of the King, the Kingdom is announced and demonstrated. It is a superior life which carries the glory of the presence and power of Elohim

Let us not be ashamed of Yeshua: He is the centre and circumference of our lives and The Kingdom! When we get it right about the Great Commission, the purpose of Elohim is accomplished without controversy: > Preach Yeshua, Jesus and the love of Elohim to sinners so that they will be convicted, repent and become members of the Family of Yahweh; > Teach the principles and practices of the Kingdom to believers so that they can be good disciples of Yeshua, Jesus as well as effective citizens and ambassadors of The Kingdom on this side of eternity! > Train, Equip, Activate and Release saints into ministry as fit for purpose co-labourers with Yeshua both in congregations, the Market Place and Civil Society because we are a Kingdom of Priests and Kings!

- Provide congregational families for those who are called out of darkness to find fellowship with fellow saints. This helps to build up their spirit-man and stabilises their souls. They are able to learn with others and grow in grace by tapping into virtue ion others and releasing what is in them to the other brethren.
- Prayerfully look for needs of peoples or communities where we live or work which Elohim can use us to impact as Slat and Light.

Yes, Elohim is speaking freshly today through human vessels but He cannot and will not contradict what is already written! 'Thus says' the Lord must expatiate, clarify or add value to 'It is Written' otherwise confusion will ensure! All doctrines – including certain aspects of Calvinism which discouraged saints from preaching because 'Elohim will save those He wants' should be understood as theologically unbalanced!

Whoever discounts the preaching of the gospel is not representing the real Yeshua, Jesus. No one, no matter how celebrated should be given space to take our eyes off the Words of our King!

Galatians 1:6-11 (KJV) *6 I marvel that ye are so soon removed from him that called you into the grace of Christ unto another gospel: 7 Which is not another; but there be some that trouble you, and would pervert the gospel of Christ. 8 But though we, or an angel from heaven, preach any other gospel unto you than that which we have preached unto you, let him be accursed. 9 As we said before, so say I now again, if any man preach any other gospel unto you than that ye have received, let him be accursed. 10 For do I now persuade men, or God? or do I seek to please men? for if I yet pleased men, I should not be the servant of Christ. 11 But I certify you, brethren, that the gospel which was preached of me is not after man.*

The question is: Have you truly matured to recognize false doctrine? Can you set aside sentiments and tell those who purvey Golden Calves to leave you alone? Your answer will have an impact on your standing with the real Jesus! He loves you! Embrace His love; be passionate about His mission and co-labour with Him, from today!

Review Questions

1. Please share 3 things you learnt from this chapter
2. What will you do with this chapter?

Chapter 12

Better, Together!

The set time to reap the final harvest is here with us! As we see fulfilment of various prophecies in the Holy Scriptures concerning end of the age, necessity is upon the remnant world-wide to make salvation of all those appointed for salvation the main reason why we are alive!

John 4:35 (KJV) *35 Say not ye, There are yet four months, and then cometh harvest? behold, I say unto you, Lift up your eyes, and look on the fields; for they are white already to harvest.*

Necessity and Power of Unity and Synergy: We Are Better, Together!

While we may be excited to Go Ye, it is also needful to remember that no one or congregation can fulfil the Great Commission! It is a project which requires coordinated actions by saints who are brought into alignment by Holy Spirit – in congregations, ministerial networks and other forms of alignment forged by Holy Spirit amongst those whose sole passion is to prepare the earth realm for return of King Yeshua and inception of the Manifest Phase of the Kingdom.

In this mindset, the remnant of the Last Days will live just like certain remnant in Israel coordinated in alignment to restore the Kingdom to David when he was in the wilderness.

1 Chronicles 12:38 (KJV) *38 All these men of war, that could keep rank, came with a perfect heart to Hebron, to make David king over all Israel: and all the rest also of Israel were of one heart to make David king.*

Saints must reject the 'Elijah complex' which made him to walk in isolation, thinking he was the only one Elohim had in Israel. As Romans 11:1-6 states with finality, there was in those days and even now, a remnant who respond to Truth as we do. Elohim is in the business of connecting saints into spiritual families and Kingdom Communities partly to enable us to generate synergy for united action to close out this age with the massive harvest of souls that will come in before Yeshua returns.

Psalms 68:6 (KJV) *6 God setteth the **solitary in families**: he bringeth out those which are bound with chains: but the rebellious dwell **in** a dry land.*

Hebrews 10:25 (KJV) *25 Not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as the manner of some is; but exhorting one another: and so much the more, as ye see the day approaching.*

In effect, the Great Commission demonstrates that we are Better, Together! We can reach out to uttermost parts of the earth when there is coordinated action orchestrated by Holy Spirit in the hearts of the remnant.

John 4:35-38 (KJV) *35 Say not ye, There are yet four months, and then cometh harvest? behold, I say unto you, Lift up your eyes, and look on the fields; for they are white already to harvest. 36 And he that reapeth receiveth wages, and gathereth fruit unto life eternal: that both he that soweth and he that reapeth may rejoice together. 37 And herein is that saying true, One soweth, and another reapeth. 38 I sent you to reap that whereon ye bestowed no labour: other men laboured, and ye are entered into their labours.*

Mark 16:15-20 (KJV) *15 And he said unto them, Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature. 16 He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved; but he that believeth not shall be damned. 17 And these signs shall follow them that believe; In my name shall they cast out devils; they shall speak with new tongues; 18 They shall take up serpents; and if they drink any deadly thing, it shall not hurt them; they shall lay hands on the sick, and they shall recover. 19 So then after the Lord had spoken unto them, he was received up into heaven, and sat on the right hand of God. 20 And they went forth, and preached everywhere, the Lord working with them, and confirming the word with signs following. Amen.*

In this scenario, all of us contribute what we can best contribute to achieve the overall purpose of Elohim which is that ALL humans will have the opportunity to hear the Good News of Salvation by Grace through Faith in Yeshua and all appointed for same will find the bridge to reconcile with their heavenly Father. In this paradigm, to effectively fulfil the Great Commission, the principle laid out Paul the Apostle in a scripture which he and those who co-laboured with him needs to be replicated in various Kingdom Communities and networks across the world. It is one in which through collective action by every saint, the gospel programme can be fulfilled, notwithstanding the machinations of Satan and human governments.

Ephesians 4:15-16 (KJV) *15 But speaking the truth in love, may grow up into him in all things, which is the head, even Christ: 16 From whom the whole body fitly joined together and compacted by that which every joint supplieth, according to the effectual working in the measure of every part, maketh increase of the body unto the edifying of itself in love.*

Breaking down this principle, it means that in various congregations and across several networks in the world, saints can individually preach the gospel as this course has outlined. However, they should also walk in alignment with other saints they are connected with in such a way that everyone can discover the niche where they function best to fulfil all dimensions of the Great Commission within the context of three broad sectors:

i. Go: Some saints will have greater capacity to be on the cutting edge of Going Forth to the frontlines of evangelism, local, national, regional and international missions on a regular basis. They may not have the money to fund their travels and should not be hindered because of this. As long as they are willing and available, those they are connected with in the local congregations and networks should intentionally and joyfully back them up. In so doing, the divine reward is spread by Elohim the equitable Judge!

1 Corinthians 9:7 (KJV) *7 Who goeth a warfare any time at his own charges? who planteth a vineyard, and eateth not of the fruit thereof? or who feedeth a flock, and eateth not of the milk of the flock?*

ii. Pray: Some saints will have greater capacity to intercede persistently for those on the frontlines of mission, asking Elohim for wisdom, fresh unction, boldness, courage and release of all the allocation for the assignment of those who are holistically invested in the Great Commission. They will also have heavy burden for state of heart of unbelievers and will travail in ploughing such to be ready to receive the Word. Those who have grace to do this at an intense level may not have the ability to go for missions themselves or the funds to contribute. As long as intercession is their greatest resource, it should be brought to the table. If they have little funds to contribute, such should be brought to the table joyfully and no one should reproach them in that regard.

With all the anointing on his distinguished life, Paul the Apostle regularly requested prayer support from saints in different locations.

iii. Give: All saints can actually contribute intentionally towards fulfilment of the Great Commission! Elohim is equitable and does not judge saints according to the size of what they give but rather charges all to give according to their capacity. One reason why Elohim sets the solitary saints into congregational families or connects saints into ministerial networks is to harness the power of many.

2 Corinthians 8: 12-15 (KJV) *12 For if there be first a willing mind, it is accepted according to that a man hath, and not according to that he hath not. 13 For I mean not that other men be eased, and ye burdened: 14 But by an equality, that now at this time your abundance may be a supply for their want, that their abundance also may be a supply for your want: that there may be equality: 15 As it is written, He that had gathered much had nothing over; and he that had gathered little had no lack.*

What this means is that all congregations of the remnant should set up Mission Committees to harness these three dimensions of corporate participation. When this is done, there can be two outcomes:

i. Each congregation can identify a Mission field, mobilise prayer, financial and material resources and send forth at least one or two saints each year.

ii. Each Congregation can intentionally support at least one Missionary or Missionaries the Lord connects them with, contributing according to their ability to supply the prayer, financial and material needs of such people.

Review Questions

1. Please summarise this chapter
2. What new insight did you gain from the chapter?
3. In one short sentence, please share from your heart impact of this Course on you.

Chapter 13

Rewards of Faithful participants in the Great Commission

As saints redeemed by the Blood, we owe our lives, time, assets and indeed everything to He Who saved us. In a real sense, preaching the gospel as witnesses is a lifestyle of love that is demonstrated by our obedience. This attitude is very beneficial so that we do not become coldly transactional with Elohim:

Luke 17:7-9 (KJV) *7 But which of you, having a servant plowing or feeding cattle, will say unto him by and by, when he is come from the field, Go and sit down to meat? 8 And will not rather say unto him, Make ready wherewith I may sup, and gird thyself, and serve me, till I have eaten and drunken; and afterward thou shalt eat and drink? 9 Doth he thank that servant because he did the things that were commanded him? I trow not.*

However, scriptures cannot be broken! Just as there are many scriptures which require that saints are altruistic when doing the work of the Kingdom, there are also clear promises Elohim makes to those who walk the walk of obedience propelled by love of Him and those who need to be saved!

For those willing to fulfil their obedience, there are some promises that are sure which we need to lay hold of and run with. Among them, let us consider these timeless guarantees of provision, empowerment and security, if we are willing to obey and go for Him:

1. Spiritual Empowerment

Those who are willing to Go Ye are assured that they will not be allowed to go in their strength (which will fail). The Lord has promised enduement with power of Holy Spirit!

Joel 2:28-29 (KJV) *28 And it shall come to pass afterward, that I will pour out my spirit upon all flesh; and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, your old men shall dream dreams, your young men shall see visions: 29 And also upon the servants and upon the handmaids in those days will I pour out my spirit.*

Matthew 28:18-19 (KJV) *18 And Jesus came and spake unto them, saying, All power is given unto me in heaven and in earth. 19 Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost:*

Acts 1:8 (KJV) *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.*

2. Promise of the Abiding Presence of Yeshua

In a real sense, Yeshua lives within the spirit-man of all saints and they are seated with Him in heavenly places. For those who accept His mandate to fulfil the Great Commission, there is the promise of His abiding Presence!

Matthew 28:20 (KJV) *20 Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and, lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world. Amen.*

Hebrews 13:5-6 (KJV) *5 Let your conversation be without covetousness; and be content with such things as ye have: for he hath said, I will never leave thee, nor forsake thee. 6 So that we may boldly say, The Lord is my helper, and I will not fear what man shall do unto me.*

3. Joy of the Soul Winner

As we noted in a previous chapter, there is great joy in heaven over any sinner who repents and receives the saving Grace in Yeshua!

Luke 15:7 (KJV) *7 I say unto you, that likewise joy shall be in heaven **over one sinner** that repenteth, more than **over ninety and nine just persons, which need no repentance.***

That state of joy in heaven is also transmitted into the heart and attitude of those that the Lord used as bridges to bring in the lost. Their toil of love produces holy ecstasy and joy when the fruits come in

Psalms 126:5-6 (KJV) *5 They that sow in tears shall reap in joy. 6 He that goeth forth and weepeth, bearing precious seed, shall doubtless come again with rejoicing, bringing his sheaves with him.*

That is why those who walk in obedience to make the Great Commission a focal point of their lives tend to have inner stability which comes from contentment. They are thus delivered from the corruption that is in the world through lusting after things and vain pursuits!

John 4:31-34 (KJV) *31 In the mean while his disciples prayed him, saying, Master, eat. 32 But he said unto them, I have meat to eat that ye know not of. 33 Therefore said the disciples one to another, Hath any man brought him ought to eat? 34 Jesus saith unto them, My meat is to do the will of him that sent me, and to finish his work.*

4. Wisdom becomes an inheritance for those who Go Ye

In James 1:5 saints are told to ask for wisdom if they lack it in any dimension. Interestingly, those who intentionally set forth as a lifestyle to share good news of redemption in the Blood shed by Yeshua with the lost receive wisdom from heaven to do so. Because they will meet various types of people whose real beings are masked by their exterior features, those who Go Ye tend to draw from the wisdom of Elohim to bring forth what can be considered 'Now Word' which Holy Spirit uses to convict sinners of sin, righteousness and judgement.

Proverbs 11:30 (KJV) *30 The fruit of the righteous is a tree of life; and he that winneth **souls is wise.***

Daniel 12:3 (KJV) *3 And they that be wise shall shine as the brightness of the firmament; and they that turn many to righteousness as the stars for ever and ever.*

5. Material Provisions: All of the Allocation for their earthly Assignments

The reason why many Christians burn their candles at both ends is that they do not receive by Faith, the guarantee that Yahweh, their heavenly Father knows their need; is willing and able to provide for same.

Matthew 6:25-34 (KJV) *25 Therefore I say unto you, Take no thought for your life, what ye shall eat, or what ye shall drink; nor yet for your body, what ye shall put on. Is not the life more than meat, and the body than raiment? 26 Behold the fowls of the air: for they sow not, neither do they reap, nor gather into barns; yet your heavenly Father feedeth them. Are ye not much better than they? 27 Which of you by taking thought can add one cubit unto his stature? 28 And why take ye thought for raiment? Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow; they toil not,*

neither do they spin: 29 And yet I say unto you, That even Solomon in all his glory was not arrayed like one of these. 30 Wherefore, if God so clothe the grass of the field, which to day is, and to morrow is cast into the oven, shall he not much more clothe you, O ye of little faith? 31 Therefore take no thought, saying, What shall we eat? or, What shall we drink? or, Wherewithal shall we be clothed? 32 (For after all these things do the Gentiles seek:) for your heavenly Father knoweth that ye have need of all these things. 33 But seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you. 34 Take therefore no thought for the morrow: for the morrow shall take thought for the things of itself. Sufficient unto the day is the evil thereof.

One day, Peter was bold to ask Yeshua what kinds of rewards he and the other disciples could expect from following Yeshua. The answer given was and is still mind boggling! May no one be prevented by religiosity from cashing this cheque/check issued by Yeshua!

Matthew 19:27-29 (KJV) *27 Then answered Peter and said unto him, Behold, we have forsaken all, and followed thee; what shall we have therefore? 28 And Jesus said unto them, Verily I say unto you, That ye which have followed me, in the regeneration when the Son of man shall sit in the throne of his glory, ye also shall sit upon twelve thrones, judging the twelve tribes of Israel. 29 And every one that hath forsaken houses, or brethren, or sisters, or father, or mother, or wife, or children, or lands, for my name's sake, shall receive an hundredfold, and shall inherit everlasting life.*

6. Answers to Prayer

Matthew 7:7-11 (KJV) *7 Ask, and it shall be given you; seek, and ye shall find; knock, and it shall be opened unto you: 8 For every one that asketh receiveth; and he that seeketh findeth; and to him that knocketh it shall be opened. 9 Or what man is there of you, whom if his son ask bread, will he give him a stone? 10 Or if he ask a fish, will he give him a serpent? 11 If ye then, being evil, know how to give good gifts unto your children, how much more shall your Father which is in heaven give good things to them that ask him?*

John 15:16 (KJV) *16 Ye have not chosen me, but I have chosen you, and ordained you, that ye should go and bring forth fruit, and that your fruit should remain: that whatsoever ye shall ask of the Father in my name, he may give it you.*

7. Eternal Rewards

There are various dimensions of eternal rewards so we need to understand them:

7.1. Eternal Life is an inheritance for those who are saved and more so for those who invested their mortality to the primal Kingdom Business of saving more souls!

Matthew 19:29 (KJV) *29 And every one that hath forsaken houses, or brethren, or sisters, or father, or mother, or wife, or children, or lands, for my name's sake, shall receive an hundredfold, and shall inherit everlasting life.*

7.2: They will rule and reign with Yeshua as Priests and Kings in the Manifest phase of the Kingdom

Those who are invested in the Kingdom Business of bringing in the lost will co-reign with Yeshua during His Millennial Reign in the earth realm when He returns

Revelation 1:5-6 (KJV) *5 And from Jesus Christ, who is the faithful witness, and the first begotten of the dead, and the prince of the kings of the earth. Unto him that loved us, and washed us from our sins in his own blood, 6 And hath made us kings and priests unto God and his Father; to him be glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen.*

Revelation 5:9-10 (KJV) *9 And they sung a new song, saying, Thou art worthy to take the book, and to open the seals thereof: for thou wast slain, and hast redeemed us to God by thy blood out of every kindred, and tongue, and people, and nation; 10 And hast made us unto our God kings and priests: and we shall reign on the earth.*

7.3. The full scope of what Elohim has planned for His faithful cannot be fully fathomed with the finite mind!

1 Corinthians 2:9 (KJV) *9 But as it is written, **Eye hath not seen**, nor ear heard, neither have entered into the heart of man, the things which God **hath** prepared for them that love him.*

Epilogue

The King is coming back soon! He has appointed however that before He returns, there will be a full ingathering of those who will make up His Body.

John 10:16 (KJV) *16 And other sheep I have, which are not of this fold: them also I must bring, and they shall hear my voice; and there shall be one fold, and one shepherd.*

The upshot is this: we are vital instruments through which Yeshua, Jesus will accomplish the redemption mission. We cannot withhold our vessels from The Master as His Bridge to reach the lost and reconcile them to Himself!

2 Corinthians 5:17-21 (KJV) *17 Therefore if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new. 18 And all things are of God, who hath reconciled us to himself by Jesus Christ, and hath given to us the ministry of reconciliation; 19 To wit, that God was in Christ, reconciling the world unto himself, not imputing their trespasses unto them; and hath committed unto us the word of reconciliation. 20 Now then we are ambassadors for Christ, as though God did beseech you by us: we pray you in Christ's stead, be ye reconciled to God. 21 For he hath made him to be sin for us, who knew no sin; that we might be made the righteousness of God in him.*

This reconciliation mission is the very reason for which Yeshua prayed the Father to keep us in the earth realm rather than calling us home right after repentance!

John 17: 9-20 (KJV) *9 I pray for them: I pray not for the world, but for them which thou hast given me; for they are thine. 10 And all mine are thine, and thine are mine; and I am glorified in them. 11 And now I am no more in the world, but these are in the world, and I come to thee. Holy Father, keep through thine own name those whom thou hast given me, that they may be one, as we are. 12 While I was with them in the world, I kept them in thy name: those that thou gavest me I have kept, and none of them is lost, but the son of perdition; that the scripture might be fulfilled. 13 And now come I to thee; and these things I speak in the world, that they might have my joy fulfilled in themselves. 14 I have given them thy word; and the world hath hated them, because they are not of the world, even as I am not of the world. 15 I pray not that thou shouldest take them out of the world, but that thou shouldest keep them from the evil. 16 They are not of the world, even as I am not of the world. 17 Sanctify them through thy truth: thy word is truth. 18 As thou hast sent me into the world, even so have I also sent them into the world. 19 And for their sakes I sanctify myself, that they also might be sanctified through the truth. 20 Neither pray I for these alone, but for them also which shall believe on me through their word;*

Matthew 24:14 (KJV) *14 And this gospel of the kingdom shall be preached in all the world for a witness unto all nations; and then shall the end come.*

Review Questions

1. Which of the 7 rewards promised those who engage in the Great Commission resonated most in your heart?
2. What will you do with this chapter?
3. In one short sentence, please share from your heart impact of this Course on you.

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Chapter 14

The Expanded Epilogue

The Expanded Epilogue: Two Broad Objectives of the Great Commission

Before we finally sign off this Course, there is need to consider two issues that are at the heart of the Great Commission and are therefore of critical importance.

The Unfinished Kingdom Business was meant to be completed by unusual people!

As we saw in several chapters, Yeshua made fulfilment of the Great Commission the central reason for which He birthed the Church in the earth realm. Saints were not just to worship Elohim, enjoy His Presence and love one another. They were to individually and collectively be consumed with the urgent task of reconciling sinners to the Father. In so doing, two fundamental spiritual objectives are simultaneously achieved:

A. The earth realm is re-populated with sons of Elohim.

After creating the earth realm, Elohim wanted the Crown Jewel to be His Own offspring. For this reason, after moulding the body of Adam, Elohim breathed into the lifeless object, humans His Own Spirit. In other words, Elohim begat humans as His Own sons with His DNA (Holy Spirit and spiritual properties).

Genesis 2:7 (KJV) *7 And the Lord God formed man of the dust of the ground, and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life; and man became a living soul.*

In tracing the genealogy of Yeshua, a point was made that unlike all other humans, Adam himself was a son of Elohim.

Luke 3:38 (KJV) *38 Which was the son of Enos, which was the son of Seth, which was the son of Adam, which was the son of God.*

When Adam fell from grace, there was a switch of operating spirit. Because of the law of Sin, he lost the DNA of Elohim and became possessed with the spirit of Satan. In that fallen state, Adam began to transmit that same spirit of Sin to all his offspring. That is how all humans became sinners by nature.

Romans 3:23 (KJV) *23 For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God;*

Genesis 5:1-4 (KJV) *1 This is the book of the generations of Adam. In the day that God created man, in the likeness of God made he him; 2 Male and female created he them; and blessed them, and called their name Adam, in the day when they were created. 3 And Adam lived an hundred and thirty years, and begat a son in his own likeness, and after his image; and called his name Seth: 4 And the days of Adam after he had begotten Seth were eight hundred years: and he begat sons and daughters:*

Romans 6:16 (KJV) *16 Know ye not, that to whom ye yield yourselves servants to obey, his servants ye are to whom ye obey; whether of sin unto death, or of obedience unto righteousness?*

The DNA of Sin Adam injected into the world ensured that humans who have lived on earth were and are in systemic bondage to Satan. As was proved in Judaism, the Blood of Bulls, Rams, Goats and Turtle doves – because they were of lesser quality and value to humans, were incapable of securing redemption (that is pay the price for humans to be set free from the legal hold of Satan)

Hebrews 10:1-4 (KJV) *1 For the law having a shadow of good things to come, and not the very image of the things, can never with those sacrifices which they offered year by year continually make the comers thereunto perfect. 2 For then would they not have ceased to be offered? because that the worshippers once purged should have had no more conscience of sins. 3 But in those sacrifices there is a remembrance again made of sins every year. 4 For it is not possible that the blood of bulls and of goats should take away sins.*

The ONLY Remedy: Incarnation of Yeshua as Lamb of Elohim to take away Sin!

The ONLY way to reverse engineer the process was for Elohim to be incarnated in human form as Yeshua. The process through which this could be done was for Yeshua come into the earth realm to fulfil the primal prophecy given on the day that Adam and Eve fell: that the Seed of the Woman would one day crush head of Satan and thereby liberate mankind!

Genesis 3:15 (KJV) *15 And I will put enmity between thee and the woman, and between thy seed and her seed; it shall bruise thy head, and thou shalt bruise his heel.*

In the fullness of time, this miracle happened in Israel! The essence of the miracle was to create a pathway for those who had walked in the sinful DNA of Adam to receive and walk in the DNA of Elohim: become His sons in the earth realm!

John 1:29 (KJV) *29 The next day John seeth Jesus coming unto him, and saith, Behold the Lamb of God, which taketh away the sin of the world.*

Galatians 4:4-7 (KJV) *4 But when the fulness of the time was come, God sent forth his Son, made of a woman, made under the law, 5 To redeem them that were under the law, that we might receive the adoption of sons. 6 And because ye are sons, God hath sent forth the Spirit of his Son into your hearts, crying, Abba, Father. 7 Wherefore thou art no more a servant, but a son; and if a son, then an heir of God through Christ.*

John 1:11-16 (KJV) *11 He came unto his own, and his own received him not. 12 But as many as received him, to them gave he power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on his name: 13 Which were born, not of blood, nor of the will of the flesh, nor of the will of man, but of God. 14 And the Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us, (and we beheld his glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father,) full of grace and truth. 15 John bare witness of him, and cried, saying, This was he of whom I spake, He that cometh after me is preferred before me: for he was before me. 16 And of his fulness have all we received, and grace for grace.*

Hebrews 2:9-16 (KJV) *9 But we see Jesus, who was made a little lower than the angels for the suffering of death, crowned with glory and honour; that he by the grace of God should taste death for every man. 10 For it became him, for whom are all things, and by whom are all things, in bringing many sons unto glory, to make the captain of their salvation perfect through sufferings. 11 For both he that sanctifieth and they who are sanctified are all of one: for which cause he is not ashamed to call them brethren, 12 Saying, I will declare thy name unto my brethren, in the midst of the church will I sing praise unto thee. 13 And again, I will put my trust in him. And again, Behold I and the children which God hath given me. 14 Forasmuch then as the children are partakers of flesh and blood, he also himself likewise took part of the same; that through death he might destroy him that had the power of death, that*

is, the devil; 15 And deliver them who through fear of death were all their lifetime subject to bondage. 16 For verily he took not on him the nature of angels; but he took on him the seed of Abraham.

The only way sinners can become saints and sons of Elohim is through the preaching of the gospel which emphasizes that in Yeshua, full payment for Sin was made at the Cross. All who will hear this good news, be convicted by Holy Spirit, genuinely repent of their Sins and accept the Lordship of Yeshua are saved! They do not have to do anything other than believe this incredible report and act on their faith!

Romans 10:6-12 (KJV) *6 But the righteousness which is of faith speaketh on this wise, Say not in thine heart, Who shall ascend into heaven? (that is, to bring Christ down from above:) 7 Or, Who shall descend into the deep? (that is, to bring up Christ again from the dead.) 8 But what saith it? The word is nigh thee, even in thy mouth, and in thy heart: that is, the word of faith, which we preach; 9 That if thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved. 10 For with the heart man believeth unto righteousness; and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation. 11 For the scripture saith, Whosoever believeth on him shall not be ashamed. 12 For there is no difference between the Jew and the Greek: for the same Lord over all is rich unto all that call upon him.*

If every saint, minister, ministry, congregation and network of saints were to catch this simple revelation and run with it, implementing same with all zeal, the full measure of saints appointed for Salvation across the world will hear, repent and be saved!

Romans 10:13-15 (KJV) *13 For whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved. 14 How then shall they call on him in whom they have not believed? and how shall they believe in him of whom they have not heard? and how shall they hear without a preacher? 15 And how shall they preach, except they be sent? as it is written, How beautiful are the feet of them that preach the gospel of peace, and bring glad tidings of good things!*

Satanic Attack: deceive Church to switch from Go Ye to 'Come Here'!

Focus and essence of the Great Commission can be summed up with two words: 'Go Ye'. This is a paradigm of life where the redeemed are consumed with passion which drives them to go forth to seek and reconcile sinners with the Father.

Matthew 28:18-20 (KJV) *18 And Jesus came and spake unto them, saying, All power is given unto me in heaven and in earth. 19 Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost: 20 Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and, lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world. Amen.*

Acts 1:8 (KJV) *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.*

Imagine a world where the primary pre-occupation of all saints, ministers and ministries were to spend and be spent to ensure that Sinners hear the gospel in order to make informed decisions about eternity as Holy Spirit works on their hearts?

Knowing the outcome, Satan has since the Fourth Century created Mystery Babylon as an alternate Church system. Starting with the union between Roman empire and larger wing of the Church which was tired of persecution as well as uncertain of return of King Yeshua, a new concept of Church came

into being. Satan has foisted on the Church world a twisted theology which essentially switches the paradigm from one of 'Go Ye' given by the Master to one which can be termed as 'Come here'!

Under the 'Come here' paradigm, rather than function as the Body of Yeshua – a living organism which reproduces after its spiritual kind, the new reality was emergence of a religious organization. As an organization, this new church model needed to focus on Attendance of people – notwithstanding state of their hearts (saved or unsaved) who are enticed through various schemes to become 'members', not of Yeshua, but of the organization through prescribed rites of passage.

One of such religious rite is to 'come here' as in enter a particular religiously designed building on certain 'holy days' to be spectators of a religious 'show' performed by a special priestly caste who were mediators between the 'Holy God' and an 'unholy people'. Kept in perpetual state of not knowing enough to be saved, such people allowed their Cash to 'buy' them favours with the 'God' they came to meet inside the building.

In other words, for 5 or 6 days a week, they lived in Sin and on the Sunday, they sought to bribe 'God' with their offerings and tithes. This syndrome, called ABC Christianity (Attendance; Buildings; Cash) is now the favoured system of the Protestant Movement generally and primary culture of the current Mega Church movement.

Rather than complain and moan, Elohim is looking to raise a company of His elect remnant who will go back to the divine blueprint and use same to re-focus their individual lives, ministries and congregations on this most needful of lifestyles: To Go Ye and ensure that the Gospel is systematically preached to ALL creatures in the earth realm. In this regard, all saints will reach out to all within their loops of influence as a consistent lifestyle.

They will also align with other saints in Kingdom communities – whether at local assembly or ministerial network levels to take the part they are most suited for:

Go (as in Local, national, regional and International Missions)

Give (as in intentionally planting seeds for Missions into the common pot)

Pray (as in continuous intercession and spiritual warfare)

B. Restoration of the Kingdom which Adam and Eve lost

Adam did not just open the door for Sin to enter and rule over the human nature. He also lost a Kingdom! Adam and Eve were created to manage the earth realm as an extension of the Kingdom of Heaven. They were Ambassadors of Heaven in the earth realm and rulers thereof with a clear mandate to exercise dominion on behalf of Elohim!

Genesis 1:26-29 (KJV) *26 And God said, Let us make man in our image, after our likeness: and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the fowl of the air, and over the cattle, and over all the earth, and over every creeping thing that creepeth upon the earth. 27 So God created man in his own image, in the image of God created he him; male and female created he them. 28 And God blessed them, and God said unto them, Be fruitful, and multiply, and replenish the earth, and subdue it: and have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the fowl*

of the air, and over every living thing that moveth upon the earth. 29 And God said, Behold, I have given you every herb bearing seed, which is upon the face of all the earth, and every tree, in the which is the fruit of a tree yielding seed; to you it shall be for meat.

Genesis 2:15 (KJV) *15 And the Lord God took the man, and put him into the garden of Eden to dress it and to keep it.*

Psalms 115:16 (KJV) *16 The heaven, even the heavens, are the Lord's: but the earth hath he given to the children of men.*

Apart from redemption of souls of lost humanity, Yeshua also came to recover the Kingdom mantle which Adam surrendered to Satan when he was deceived!

The restoration is in two phases:

1. Kingdom Now: Whenever a sinner genuinely repents from Sin and receives Yeshua as Lord, such a person gets out of the dominion of Satan and is translated from kingdom of darkness into the Kingdom of Elohim.

Colossians 1:12-14 (KJV) *12 Giving thanks unto the Father, which hath made us meet to be partakers of the inheritance of the saints in light: 13 Who hath delivered us from the power of darkness, and hath translated us into the kingdom of his dear Son: 14 In whom we have redemption through his blood, even the forgiveness of sins:*

In other words, the Kingdom is now within the heart of individuals who have enthroned Yeshua in their hearts as Sovereign Lord. As Yeshua reigns in the heart of the individual, His Grace is released for Righteousness to lead to holy living.

All saints who live like this are not just part of the local Church or congregation where they fellowship. They are all part of one single, indivisible Kingdom Nation: a new race that is neither Black nor White nor Latino; neither marked by Gender divisions nor age nor socio-economic differences. They are the One New Man of Elohim in the earth realm!

Galatians 3:26-29 (KJV) *26 For ye are all the children of God by faith in Christ Jesus. 27 For as many of you as have been baptized into Christ have put on Christ. 28 There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither bond nor free, there is neither male nor female: for ye are all one in Christ Jesus. 29 And if ye be Christ's, then are ye Abraham's seed, and heirs according to the promise.*

Ephesians 2:14-22 (KJV) *14 For he is our peace, who hath made both one, and hath broken down the middle wall of partition between us; 15 Having abolished in his flesh the enmity, even the law of commandments contained in ordinances; for to make in himself of twain one new man, so making peace; 16 And that he might reconcile both unto God in one body by the cross, having slain the enmity thereby: 17 And came and preached peace to you which were afar off, and to them that were nigh. 18 For through him we both have access by one Spirit unto the Father. 19 Now therefore ye are no more strangers and foreigners, but fellowcitizens with the saints, and of the household of God; 20 And are built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Jesus Christ himself being the chief corner stone; 21 In whom all the building fitly framed together groweth unto an holy temple in the Lord: 22 In whom ye also are builded together for an habitation of God through the Spirit.*

This is the Royal Priesthood, holy nation and peculiar people of Elohim living in the midst of a dark world ruled by Satan, yet outside his loop!

1 Peter 2:9-12 (KJV) *9 But ye are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, an holy nation, a peculiar people; that ye should shew forth the praises of him who hath called you out of darkness into his marvellous light; 10 Which in time past were not a people, but are now the people of God: which had not obtained mercy, but now have obtained mercy. 11 Dearly beloved, I beseech you as strangers and pilgrims, abstain from fleshly lusts, which war against the soul; 12 Having your conversation honest among the Gentiles: that, whereas they speak against you as evildoers, they may by your good works, which they shall behold, glorify God in the day of visitation.*

Loving one another as He commanded, they live in unity of the spirit, keeping the bond of peace

John 13:34-35 (KJV) *34 A new commandment I give unto you, That ye love one another; as I have loved you, that ye also love one another. 35 By this shall all men know that ye are my disciples, if ye have love one to another.*

John 17:20-23 (KJV) *20 Neither pray I for these alone, but for them also which shall believe on me through their word; 21 That they all may be one; as thou, Father, art in me, and I in thee, that they also may be one in us: that the world may believe that thou hast sent me. 22 And the glory which thou gavest me I have given them; that they may be one, even as we are one: 23 I in them, and thou in me, that they may be made perfect in one; and that the world may know that thou hast sent me, and hast loved them, as thou hast loved me.*

Ephesians 4:1-6 (KJV) *1 I therefore, the prisoner of the Lord, beseech you that ye walk worthy of the vocation wherewith ye are called, 2 With all lowliness and meekness, with longsuffering, forbearing one another in love; 3 Endeavouring to keep the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. 4 There is one body, and one Spirit, even as ye are called in one hope of your calling; 5 One Lord, one faith, one baptism, 6 One God and Father of all, who is above all, and through all, and in you all.*

In preaching repentance, they proclaim the imminence of the Kingdom, just like John the Baptist and Yeshua did

Matthew 3:1-2 (KJV) *1 In those days came John the Baptist, preaching in the wilderness of Judaea, 2 And saying, Repent ye: for the kingdom of heaven is at hand.*

Matthew 4:17, 23 (KJV) *17 From that time Jesus began to preach, and to say, Repent: for the kingdom of heaven is at hand.*

23 And Jesus went about all Galilee, teaching in their synagogues, and preaching the gospel of the kingdom, and healing all manner of sickness and all manner of disease among the people.

They preach out of conviction that no matter how much they are blessed by Elohim in this present world, nothing can compare to the glory of the world to come when Yeshua returns to rule and reign and in eternity thereafter.

In effect, beyond reconciling the lost to their heavenly Father, they are also engaged in recovering citizens of the Kingdom (Kingdom Now and Kingdom to come).

Matthew 24:14 (KJV) *14 And this gospel of the kingdom shall be preached in all the world for a witness unto all nations; and then shall the end come.*

Like Yeshua, it is time for the remnant to be about our Father's business of bringing His lost sons home and enlarging His Kingdom

Luke 2:49 (KJV) *49 And he said unto them, How is it that ye sought **me**? wist ye not that I must be **about** my **Father's business**?*

The questions need to be asked again:

- Who will Elohim send?
- If not you, who will He send?
- If not now, when will it be done?

Review Questions

There is no mandatory written assignment for this chapter. Just reflect on this closing chapter. If it resonates in your heart, prayerfully surrender your vessel as a living sacrifice that He may use you as it pleases Him in local, city, national, regional or international missions. But if you are led to write something, go ahead and do so!

Chapter 15

Feedback Collated from Participants

Feedback from Students on Course 116: The Great Commission

Reflect on this scripture

Luke 14:25-33 (KJV) *25 And there went great multitudes with him: and he turned, and said unto them, 26 If any man come to me, and hate not his father, and mother, and wife, and children, and brethren, and sisters, yea, and his own life also, he cannot be my disciple. 27 And whosoever doth not bear his cross, and come after me, cannot be my disciple. 28 For which of you, intending to build a tower, sitteth not down first, and counteth the cost, whether he have sufficient to finish it? 29 Lest haply, after he hath laid the foundation, and is not able to finish it, all that behold it begin to mock him, 30 Saying, This man began to build, and was not able to finish. 31 Or what king, going to make war against another king, sitteth not down first, and consulteth whether he be able with ten thousand to meet him that cometh against him with twenty thousand? 32 Or else, while the other is yet a great way off, he sendeth an ambassage, and desireth conditions of peace. 33 So likewise, whosoever he be of you that forsaketh not all that he hath, he cannot be my disciple.*

Bassey, Patrick Effiong, Abuja FCT, Nigeria:

Over the years in my personal life, ministry endeavors, efforts in training, encouraging and equipping people to be the best in their ministry and calling; and as it relates to The Great Commission assignment, no material or platform has given so succinct and down-to-earth presentations on the subject matter of this all important divine assignment – The Great Commission.

Authors of Course 116 have taken valuable time to segment this sensitive issue in our relationship with Elohim in so simplified a way that no sincere seeker of the truth is left in doubt about any aspect of The Great Commission. There could be more work, research and exposition to be done on the subject of The Great Commission, no doubt; but suffice it to say here that its content and context as presented in Course 116 of The Master Class Programme seem complete as a veritable energizer to spur us into divinely desired actions by our Master Yeshua/Jesus on The “Go-Ye” order! Need we wait the more?

With knowledge and information gained from Course 116 on The Great Commission, the things I believed I knew before now have become a tip of the iceberg and a drop of very little water into a mighty ocean! Indeed, the elasticity of expanse of knowledge is limitless; especially for those who are opened to learn so as to apply knowledge rightly in our quest to do the right things; especially as labourers in The Vineyard of Elohim where excellence and perfection are no second option.

Hitherto, knowledge of tools that are available to be deployed to get the task of The Great Commission accomplished were limited to just a few, as handed down to us through religiosity traditions by our Babylonian and Nimrodic forefathers! But in this present dispensation of light upon the true Remnants, the totality of our vessel and every lawful opportunity available are tools to be deployed intentionally and utilized widely for Gospel Propagation.

The starting point and centre of continuous emphasis is first and foremost the individual. Indeed, we are the first epistles to be read by all men; and this we must know and hold the knowledge dear in our consciousness “Do we begin again to commend ourselves? Or need we, as some others, epistles of commendation to you, or letters of commendation from you? Ye are our epistles written in our hearts, known and read of all men: Forasmuch as ye are manifestly declared to be the epistle of Christ ministered by us, written not with ink, but with the Spirit of the living God, not in tables of stone, but in fleshy tables of the heart. And such trust have we through Christ to God-ward [2 Corinthians 3:1-4].

The misconception that The Great Commission and all its components like Evangelism and follow-up were for a select few; or by Evangelists and members of the Evangelism group in the congregation was debunked as erroneous through Course 116. It must be noted that the task of The Great Commission and all its component parts are for all Saints. As Saints of Elohim, we are primarily called into the ministry of reconciliation to get holistically involved in the task of reconciling sinners back to our Creator [2 Corinthians 5:17-21].

In general, Course 116 has opened our eyes to the enormous responsibility bestowed upon us by the privilege we have as co-labourers in the business of seeking sinners and sourcing them for The Saviour, Yeshua/Jesus. We must not lose sight of the fact that we are either gathering with and for Him, or we are scattering. There is no middle way to this. If we stay aloof, not getting involved in the mainstream of The Great Commission, we are either selfish; hoarding the love that we have received of the Lord through the Salvation He offers or not appreciating the terrible nature of the detriment of remaining in sin and sinfulness. The eternal destiny of sinners: some being our loved ones, neighbours, friends, colleagues, acquaintances and family members should be part of our driving force to get more serious with The Great Commission.

This course is a classic that would stand the test of time with imprint of impact resonating on the sands of time and eternity!

Becky Fred Ameh, Castlebar, Co Mayo, Ireland:

The course 116: The Great Commission is an eye opener because it opened my eyes to things I have taken for granted in my life. Wow, it is a mandate Yes, a Mandate. How can one neglect what Elohim says is a Mandate and do things differently? How interesting to know that in doing Elohim’s Will, we must not look out for shortcuts but must do it in proper order; we are not to cheapen the Gospel by not emphasising repentance of sin but promote filling of decision cards and mass repetition of sinner’s prayers.

This course has to a very large extent given me a wider understanding of what the Great commission is. The breaking down of the subject matters into simple statements and instructions is mind blowing. The key statement “Go Ye”, we have been made to understand that as we “Go Ye” which is not optional, Elohim shows forth to complete that which we have started. I particularly liked the simplifying of the geographical allocations of Acts 1:8. Knowing where our Jerusalem, Judea, Samaria and uttermost parts of the world is, helps us to know what we are doing and how to do it right.

Knowing the Critical components of the Great Commission makes obeying the mandate easier; I now know that keeping the message of Salvation as simple as possible does more than complicated and elongated messages. If we have the love of Elohim in our hearts then the love of others to save them from eternal damnation will not be negotiable. Also, to know that there are so many tools out there to keep with the mandate is relaxing; I can work with the capacity of the tools available to me, with the unction of the Holy Spirit and still get the work done.

Guiding against the Pseudo-kingdom and its agenda and proclaiming the content of the Great Commission which is Yeshua and His Kingdom helps us not to work in error proclaimed by sweet tongue preachers by misinterpreting Matt 6:33. I now know also the Great commission is not meant for the Evangelists alone but to all saints as we are all saved to help save others. I have been made aware of the truth that Evangelism and other things that are part of the Great Commission is the primary ministry all saints and ministers are called to fulfil and I will use every opportunity I have now to do so.

Thank you so much for this beautiful message of Elohim delivered in the most explicit manner, I am indeed grateful to Elohim for making me a partaker and more Grace, Knowledge and Wisdom be granted to the Visionaries.

Uzoamaka Adiele, Isolo, Lagos, Nigeria:

To a very large extent, Course 116 has helped me to understand the concept of the great commission. First and foremost, the great commission mandates us to make disciples of all nations. We were not sent out to gather crowds of milk drinking babes, but to adopt the 'go-ye' approach.

The scope of the great commission is not limited to Pastors and ministers only, but everyone who has been redeemed by the blood of Yeshua should be able to preach the simple message of salvation. This should be done based on the simple premise of love for Elohim and fellow human beings.

This course has helped me to understand that with regards to tools that can be used for evangelistic purposes, there are no hard and fast rules. In fact, there are a wide range of tools to choose from to make the process of evangelizing easy. These tools include but are not limited to: Tracts, Bibles, Prayers, Social Media, Wholesome communication, Invitation cards, mass media (TV, etc), Follow up, Discipleship classes, strategic church planting bearing in mind that as long as two or three people are gathered in His name and He is present by Holy Spirit, the fellowship will eventually grow, Crusades, and special outreach programmes.

This course 116 has proven to me that evangelism is the primary ministry of all saints. Yeshua refers to us as the salt of the earth and the light of the world. In the instance of salt, we are to engage sinners, transmitting to them the virtues of righteous living and not by being isolated from them. It is only when the physical salt is added to the soup that a difference is seen. In the case of being the light of the world, we should be keenly aware that light brings illumination. Yeshua prayed for us that we will be kept from being polluted as long as our minds and hearts are set on Him.

This course 116 has also enlightened me on certain hindrances to avoid. The one that ministered most to me is the one that talks about Bibles with watered down translations, and some ministers that speak about feel good doctrines that keep saints in perpetual bondage of being babes needing milk.

The role of signs and wonders in evangelism has also been enlightened in this course. I'm better exposed to the knowledge that it is my duty to pray for one who is sick, but if the person who is sick is not healed by my prayers, I should not be discouraged, but rather understand that the Holy Spirit gives diverse gifts and that some gifts are more overt in manifestation than others, but that eventually if we synergies together, all the gifts are for the edification of the Body of Yeshua, Jesus.

Valerie Caraotta Conyers, Georgia USA:

Course 116 on The Great Commission allowed me to better understand that it is not just declaring the good news but going for equipped with Holy Spirit. One is to ensure others transition properly from darkness to light or else philosophies of men and Satan's powers can render their salvation ineffective for future kingdom advancement. This course enabled me to realize how many evangelistic meetings measure success only on the number of decision cards and people that say the sinner's prayer. Much to my amazement, much of this bears little fruit, because repentance from sin was not emphasized. I was able to see a realistic picture of what really happens and how this can be remedied.

I learned The Great Commission is mandated and not optional for the Believer. Our salvation requires us to serve Elohim by becoming instruments of leading others to the kingdom. It was very informative in learning the critical components which make The Great Commission effective and complete. It is leaders that must model kingdom missionary mindedness in planting and reaching places while training disciples to do likewise.

This course allowed me to better understand that just as important as evangelism is, so too is meeting the needs of the poor. Yeshua modelled this and it is a vital part of ministry. People want to know if one really cares about them, not just their message.

The scope of The Great Commission, I learned, has four spheres of influence that systematically spread the good news, as written in acts 1:8. It ranges from our Jerusalem (home base) to Judea (cultural base) then spreads to Samaria (one's nation/ country) and finally to the uttermost parts of the world including cross-cultural missions and other continents of the world.

Our range of tools, I learned, must begin with our willingness to reach those all around us and whole congregations should be trained to go forth. Tracts, prayers, Bibles, and social media are excellent tools in reaching the lost. Invitation cards as well, I learned, are effective for assembling others together. Strategic church planting should be incorporated even if just a few start as Elohim will cause the increase. Gospel crusades open the door for the masses and should flow with miracles, signs, and wonders.

Great clarification was given in Matthew 6:33 on the need to preach Yeshua and the kingdom. This knowledge is critical to understanding that we can't seek a kingdom outside of the king. When you have the King, you have His Kingdom.

As Holy Spirit leads we are all to ensure that no one falls short of the Grace of Elohim and that our messages are seasoned with salt, underlined in prayer, and delivered with a 'Go Ye' mindset. Remaining in the Spirit, I discovered, is essential to ward off apprehension, fear and satanic opposition. This course compels us to realize we make a difference and are created as Ambassadors to spread the Good News and leave the rest up to Elohim and Yeshua. His Word never returns void.

Cynthia Sibongile MUPOTSA, Harare, Zimbabwe:

The lesson has greatly helped me and has opened my understanding, I now know that Yeshua redeemed me and left me here on planet earth to serve and honour Him by obeying His word. We were commanded to go ye therefore. I now know that I do have my part to play individually unlike in the past where I used to take part in Evangelizing through the church evangelism programs.

I have come to understand that the Great commission is not for the pulpit only, but for every true saint to take place. I have understood that I have my own Jerusalem, Judea, Samaria and the uttermost parts of the earth, which is my family neighbors, workplace, city, nation, neighbouring nations and the world at large depending on where Elohim leads me to.

I have realised that there are so many tools at our disposal which Elohim has ordained for His true saints to use effectively for the end time harvest of souls before the return of King Yeshua. The tools at hand are Bibles, Tracts TVs, Radios, social media, crusades follow ups and cell groups. With all these tools, we can reach as many sinners as possible who can also receive this gospel of Grace through these tools.

I have been challenged to be on the go ye mode as I understand that King Yeshua is coming back on a date and time which no one knows of except the Father so Evangelizing has a time limit. So, the Great Commission is the primary ministry which all true saints must fulfill, and the time to do it is now, we must not procrastinate.

The Great Commission is a mandate not a suggestion. It is a ministry which none of the true saints can opt out of or be excused from. It is the only reason we were redeemed by Yeshua and left us here in the earth realm to go ye therefore and be His witnesses, and teach the nations. The reason Yeshua shed His Blood was to reconcile lost souls to the Father and nothing, So as the redeemed we also must live for this purpose of preaching the gospel to the lost with Elohim confirming His Word with signs and wonders.

Benedicte Musanga Mulyangote Kanye, Botswana:

This course has changed my reasoning about being a witness for Yeshua, Jesus. Being someone who was born and grew up in a Catholic home and surrounded by the same, I thought preaching the gospel of the Kingdom of Elohim was for 'specific' people who were ordained to do so (whether priests or pastors) but thanks to the teachings on Great Commission, I now know what the Great Commission is.

I now fully understand that the Great Commission is not for few people or a suggestion but a mandate or Command; it is not something any true saint can opt out of or be excused from. And the whole counsel of The Kingdom must be preached/taught, that is; we don't only preach about believing in Him;

salvation from sin but also to submit to Him; how to live under His sovereign rule. I also have a proper understanding of my responsibilities as a redeemed in reconciling the lost to their Father, Elohim.

The Course helped me a lot to discover the range of tools that should be deployed effectively in evangelism. That is, I need to do research and be led by the Holy Spirit to determine which tools are acceptable in the environments where I operate. I am greatly challenged by the Lord to know that Evangelism and other things that are part of the Great Commission is the primary ministry all saints and ministers are called to fulfil.

Honestly speaking, I have taken more time when answering the assignments in this course than the previous courses. The reason being that, It's my very first time to hear about the Great Commission like this, not to talk of; evangelism (that's why I had to re-do 'lesson #4' many times).!! I'm familiar with the scripture about the ministry of reconciliation, in 2 Corinthians 5: 11-21. But since I got saved, I've only been concentrating in transforming my life; leaving my old life behind; (based on verse 17: 'Therefore if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new': which I even memorized), little did I know that I'm saved to serve as instruments of saving other people!

I now know my mandate as a redeemed because Abba Father connected me with Master Class.

Pastor Folayan Morehead Suwanee, Georgia, USA

Course 116 on the Great Commission has helped me immensely TO understand our King, His Kingdom, and the purpose we have as saints to pursue them and occupy until He comes. Sinners must be drawn and turned from darkness to light, from the power of Satan to the power of Elohim.

Furthermore, they are not just to hear the Gospel, they must be taught, trained, equipped, activated, and released to fulfil it in their lives and in the ministries, offices, gifts, and callings assigned to them. I have a greater and wider understanding of the scope of the Great Commission because Holy Spirit has touched on my heart and mind as I absorbed each lesson.

As I searched and meditated on the Scriptures and gained deeper insight into King Yeshua and the organic, active nature of His Kingdom, I was compelled more and more to fulfil His Go Ye mandate as a great expression of love unto Him and the people, because He first loved us by giving Himself for us all.

Throughout this course I have learned of many tools that will prove very effective in fulfilling the mandate and Commission and I utilize many of these tools daily. We do not have to go broke or break the law to carry this out. Elohim has equipped us with tools ranging from tracts, bibles, social media, and gatherings that we should use wisely to reach souls.

I have a better understanding as to why Evangelism is a great part of the Great Commission and should be a primary ministry for all of us to fulfil. Yeshua desires souls to be drawn unto Him and His Kingdom and those of us who understand that must operate in obedience and be vessels used of Him to carry out this Kingdom business.

I appreciate the fire that this course has helped to ignite within me knowing that I can begin fulfilling the mandate right here in my own home and my surrounding family and community as there are lost souls everywhere seeking and desiring only what Elohim can give them—the deep things of Him. I am grateful to have gained the insight and understanding necessary to complete this course and fulfil Yeshua's mandate to Go Ye!

Irene Brenda Tettey-Palm, London, United Kingdom: Course 116: The Great Commission is broader than I thought. This lesson has elaborated on so many things I never considered about the commandment. It is very clear on this lesson that failure to go on this mission is disobedience and lack of love for Yeshua and fellow humans.

This means instead of writing people off which is heartless on the part of a saint, we should rather pray for Grace for them to embrace the gospel to be turned to the light of Yeshua to illuminate their darkness and remove their ignorance. I have learnt that it is not just about go ye but it should be intentional lifestyle. The interesting thing is that Yeshua did not just call us to go but He has our back through it all and with provisions for our allocations.

It is encouraging to know that it is not a command for a selected few but all of us so that any will feel incapable as the Spirit of Elohim is ready to do the work through us. The fact that different congregations could team up to go ye is intriguing. It is so wonderful to realise that all the giftings play a part in this commission. I have become aware of various tools to use in this commission.

So am I aware of the enemy's plans and what scares him. Like the good Samaritan I should be ready to spend and to be spent. Although I go out whenever possible to tell the good news, I feel so revived once more to go out more often than before now that I know all the promises attached to the commission. It knocks hard at me to challenge and share with fellow saints to know the implications of not going. The lesson has sounded loud and clear the soon return of Yeshua, an urgency in obeying this command staring from my family to everyone I know and to commit to prayers those I don't even know.

Apostle Jackson Gabriel-Chiloh, Oko City, Anambra State, Nigeria: I write as one that is personally blessed by the truths and insights shared in the course of this teaching. I must state the obvious fact that all serious minded saints should in one way or another study this lesson on the Great Commission because that is the sole business for which we are saved and for which we will be rewarded by Yeshua or not.

Going forward, this course has helped me tremendously in understanding the subject of the Great Commission by helping me see that 'There is no more time to waste and That I should begin immediately.' That Yeshua is seriously counting on me and other remnants to do this work of reconciling men back to Him beginning from my location has added an urgency to this vital kingdom business too. It has also been emphasized that the Great Commission is not for some special people to engage in but for all saints, since we are rightly the ambassadors of Yeshua. One does not need to be a pulpit minister to engage in soul winning, but as saved and redeemed sons and daughters of Elohim we owe it as our duty to save souls.

Also, it needs to be stressed that soul winning is a principal tool employed in de-populating the kingdom of darkness and for translating multitude to light. Since soul winning makes the devil very uncomfortable, we must do our utmost to keep the devil in that state of discomfort.

However, we must follow due order, that is, we begin in our Jerusalem as the case may be and then graduate the order in process. All saints will not be missionaries to say, China or India, but all saints can find and locate the area where Yeshua can use them to be effective in soul winning. It should also be stressed that ALL saints should remain perpetually in a soul winning mode, that is, always on the go.

Just to underline the fact that this lesson is really appropriate for the now, this past Sunday we had a Brother come address us on this very vital subject and we were really blessed. One thing however that I took home from that meeting, which has been stressed time and again in this course is that ANGELS will not go and win souls into the kingdom, that it is our business and the rewards for engaging is great. I also learnt from that discussion and from this lesson that I must leave my Comfort Zone and go out there where the sinners are, knowing full well that the lives of real humans are at risk and doing nothing means watching real people slip into a Christ less eternity. This course is surely a wakeup call for me!

What Next shall we do?

Now that we know the Truth about the Great Commission, necessity is upon us to practice it! Head knowledge is revealed when a Truth is not practiced. But when Truth is received on a heart level, the outcome is positive actions based on obedience!

1 Corinthians 8:1 (KJV) *1 Now as touching things offered unto idols, we know that we all have knowledge. Knowledge puffeth up, but **charity edifieth.***

John 8:32 (KJV) *32 And ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free.*

Necessity is also upon us to impart the revelations in this Course to other brethren who walk in darkness as a result of ignorance or system failures of their theatre-type ministries that have Nimrodic or Levitical leadership patterns. In such places, they are compelled to bring people into specific 'church' buildings to increase Attendance and Revenue!

2 Timothy 2:1-2 (KJV) *1 Thou therefore, my son, be strong in the grace that is in Christ Jesus. 2 And the things that thou hast heard of me among many witnesses, the same commit thou to faithful men, who shall be able to teach others also.*

If you are led to volunteer to be part of a team which will use various groups on Facebook to ensure that millions of saints are exposed to these truths in Course 116: The Great Commission, please send an expression of interest to visuonarymail7@gmail.com . Imagine a situation where cyberspace is filled with knowledge of these truths: Hell will lose many captives and there will be Great Joy in Heaven! We can get this done: Better, Together!

Psalm 68:11 (KJV) *11 The Lord gave the word: great was the company of those that published it.*

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Course Impact Assessment/Examination for Course 116: The Great Commission

This Course Impact Assessment/Examination is strategically designed for you to express what you have perceived in the 13 chapters of Course 116: The Great Commission. It will also reveal to your mentor any areas that you may further need clarity in regarding this course, which is a practical approach to Kingdom discipleship.

Proceed to take this Course Impact Assessment/Examination electronically by placing your responses below in this thread. Allow yourself 45-60 minutes to take this exam with liberty, and do so with integrity and sincerity of heart. This exam is to be undertaken only after you have completed all 13 chapters of Course 116 and the General Feedback given on October 1, 2017.

Do not read the input of your fellow classmates until you have successfully completed this examination. Once you are done, go back to ensure that you have addressed each question or request.

Let us begin...

1. To what extent do you understand the Great Commission and that it is a mandate given by King Yeshua [Jesus]? Mark 16:15-18; Mark 24: 14; 2 Corinthians 5:15-21

Answers: () Excellent; () Very Good; () Good; () Poor; () Very Poor; () Need help

2. To what extent do you understand the six (6) critical components which make the Great Commission complete and effective? Acts 6:7; Matthew 10:1-42

Answers: () Excellent; () Very Good; () Good; () Poor; () Very Poor; () Need help

3. To what extent did Course 116 enable you to fully understand the ministry example of Yeshua [Jesus] as a holistic gospel? Hebrews 12:2; Matthew 4:17-22; Mark 3:13-18

Answers: () Excellent; () Very Good; () Good; () Poor; () Very Poor; () Need help

4. To what extent did Course 116 enable you to understand that the driving force of the Great Commission is through Evangelism, a ministry of reconciliation that is handed over to all who are truly saved?

Answers: () Excellent; () Very Good; () Good; () Poor; () Very Poor; () Need help

5. Out of these five statements, please mark an "X" only on the three that correctly states the tools that can be used in Evangelism:

5.1 () Saints are the number 1 equipment in the hands of Holy Spirit as the bridge to reach the lost.

5.2 () "Go Ye" is to be embraced only if the people cannot 'Come Here'.

5.3 () Evangelism tracts are a 'silent missionary' with simple and direct messages of salvation printed on small sized paper for distribution.

5.4 () Deep, heartfelt intercession and spiritual warfare *are not* critical equipment for the undertaking of the Great Commission.

5.5 () Saints need to make the Great Commission the fulcrum of their social media activities.

6. To what extent did Course 116 enable you to fully understand the 10 keys to productive Evangelism? List three (3) of them.

Answers: () Excellent; () Very Good; () Good; () Poor; () Very Poor; () Need help

Key 1: _____; Key 2: _____; Key 3: _____

7. Out of these five statements, please mark an "X" only next to the ones that are correct concerning the true Kingdom Church as Salt and Light of Saints to the world.

7.1 () Salt is to be used by Saints for seasoning and flavoring meals only, and it is not to be viewed spiritually regarding the souls of man.

7.2 () Salt is a seasoning agent which flavors whatever it is added to, including host communities that will bring forth the flavor of certain talents, abilities and innate ideas, which Elohim has wired into them as a people.

7.3 () Salt is a preservative that Elohim has spiritually appropriated through preaching the gospel, by which individuals and communities will be preserved from destruction now and in eternity.

7.4 () Light brings illumination where there is darkness.

7.5 () We have been planted in our families, neighborhoods, work places and communities to show the Light of King Yeshua.

8. To what extent did the teaching of Course 116, Lesson 8, equipped you to fully understand what hindrances to avoid in the Great Commission?

Answers: () Excellent; () Very Good; () Good; () Poor; () Very Poor; () Need help

8.2 List one (1) of the hindrances Saints must avoid: _____

9. To what extent have you understood the roles of signs, wonders and miracles in the Great Commission?

Answers: () Excellent; () Very Good; () Good; () Poor; () Very Poor; () Need help

10. Debunking basis of the pseudo-kingdom: Why is the message that saints preach should be about the Kingdom rather than Yeshua [Jesus] a false one? Give your response on NO MORE than the five lines provided.

11. On a scale of 1-10, please rate how Course 116 has prepared you for some salient issues regarding The Great Commission? (1= Very well prepared to 10 = No prepared; feeling ill-equipped) Mark 16:15-20; 1 Corinthians 1:18; 1 Corinthians 1:21

11.1 () Ability to witness for Yeshua [Jesus] without struggle.

11.2 () Ability to preach Yeshua [Jesus] and the love Elohim to sinners so that they will be convicted, repent and become members of the Family of Yahweh.

11.3 () Ability to teach the principles and practices of the Kingdom to believers so that they can be good disciples of Yeshua [Jesus], as well as effective citizens and ambassadors of the Kingdom on this side of eternity.

11.4 () Ability to train, equip, activate and release saints into ministry as fit for purpose as co-laborers with Yeshua in congregations, the Marketplace and Civil society because we are a Kingdom of Priests and Kings.

11.5 () Ability to prayerfully look for needs of people or communities where you live or work whereas Elohim can use you to make an impact as Salt and Light.

12. To what extent do you understand that the set time to reap the final harvest is here with us, synergistically, and directly involves you?

Answers: () Excellent; () Very Good; () Good; () Poor; () Very Poor; () Need help

13. Which of these statements reflect your opinion regarding the rewards of faithful participants in the Great Commission? (Please place an "X" next to as many as you feel strongly about)

13.1 () They are spiritually empowered to GO Ye.

13.2 () There is the abiding presence of Elohim as promised by Yeshua [Jesus].

13.3 () There is great joy in heaven and in the hearts and attitudes of saints who win souls for Elohim.

13.4 () Wisdom becomes an inheritance for those who Go Ye.

13.5 () Material provisions are provided as allocations for earthly assignments.

14. Two-part response: 1) In just ONE WORD and 2) In a SHORT SENTENCE, describe the impact Course 116 on you and your Kingdom assignment in the earth realm.

14.1 _____

14.2 _____

15. Which of these 3 aspects of Go Ye are you most disposed to engage in concerning global missions at this stage of your life? (Please mark "X" for those you are in agreement with.)

() Go () Pray () Give

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Our charge to you: Go Forth <GO YE> in the strength of the impartations Holy Spirit has released into your spirit-man through the Word and impact your world!

Psalm 68:11, *“The Lord gave the word: great was the company of those that published it.”*

2 Timothy 2:1, *“Thou therefore, my son, be strong in the grace that is in Christ Jesus. 2 And the things that thou hast heard of me among many witnesses, the same commit thou to faithful men, who shall be able to teach others also.”*

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