

“The Good News about the Kingdom will be preached throughout the whole world, so that all nations will hear it; and then the end will come.” (Matthew 24:14 NLT)

The Great Commission

- Barna survey (2018): Over half of churchgoers say they have not heard of the Great Commission. 25% said they had heard of it but couldn't recall the exact meaning.
- Commissioning Statements of Jesus: (Matthew, 28:19; Mark 16:15; Luke 24:47; John 17:18; Acts 1:8)
- “But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, *and* in all Judea and Samaria, *and* to the ends of the earth.” (Acts 1:8)
- The Great Commission: “This gospel of the kingdom will be preached in the whole world as a testimony to all nations, and then the end will come.” (Matthew 24:14); “Go and make disciples of all nations.” (Matthew 28:19)
- “In an age when “missions” as a term is used to describe countless efforts, are we actually making progress in fulfilling Jesus’ last command?” (Brad Buser)
- The goal of missions: “And they sang a new song, saying: “You are worthy to take the scroll and to open its seals, because you were slain, and with your blood you purchased for God persons from every tribe and language and people and nation.”” (Revelation 5:9)
- www.JoshuaProject.net
- *Evangelism*: working within peoples with the same or very similar culture as your own where a church movement already exists
- *Regular Mission*: working within peoples of different cultures where a church movement already exists
- *Frontier Mission*: working within people groups of different cultures where a church movement does not yet exist
- “Evangelism is speaking the gospel to everyone, especially those in your culture. Missions is realizing there are cultures and linguistic groups that don't have anybody in them to do that.” (John Piper)
- Paul's definition of missions (Romans 15:20-21)
- A UPG is defined as a group having less than 2% of its population identify as evangelical Christian.
- “The harvest is plentiful but the workers are few. Ask the Lord of the harvest, therefore, to send out workers into his harvest field.” (Matthew 9:37-38; Luke 10:2)
- World C. The Christian world (1/3 of the world's population) receives 72% of missionaries and 87% of all missions funds.
- World B. Have access to the gospel but have chosen not to act on it yet (1/3 of the world's population) receives 25% of missionaries and 12% of all missions funds.
- World A. No access to the gospel (1/3 of the world's population) receives 3% of missionaries and less than 1% of all missions funds.
- Parable of the lost sheep (Matthew 18:12-14)

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