

The Greatest Mission of All Time

Matthew 28:18-20

Introduction: The Epic Life

I The Greatest **Rescue** Mission Of All Time

- A. The objective: To seek and save the **lost** - Luke 19:10
- B. The plan: To redeem His people from sin
Gen. 3:15; Ez. 34:11-12, 16; Matt. 1:21; 1 Tim. 1:15
- C. The strategy: To send Christ to **ransom** and save us
Jn 3:16-17; 5:24; Mark 10:45; 1 Pet. 3:18
 - 1. He did not seek to **please** himself - Jn. 5:30; Rom. 15:3
 - 2. He did not seek his own glory - John 8:50
 - 3. He did not seek his own **will** - Matt. 26:39; Jn 4:34;6:38
 - 4. He did not seek his own good - 1 Cor. 10:33-11:1
 - 5. He did not seek to do his own thing - John 17:4
 - 6. He did not seek to be **famous** - Phil 2:6-7
 - 7. He did not seek to become **rich** - 2 Cor. 8:9

II The **Invitation** To The Mission - Matthew 4:19

- A. The objective: To **enlist** others in the mission (see I-A)
- B. The plan: To **multiply** himself
- C. The strategy: To impart the **vision** to a few and train them
 - 1. Come, follow me
 - a. More important than family - Matt. 8:22
 - b. More important than **security** - Lk 5:27-28
 - c. More important than career - 21:19-22
 - d. More important than **money** - Mk 10:21
 - 2. I will make you fishers of men

III The **Training** For The Mission - Matt. 10:1-42; Lk 10:1-24

- A. The objective: To preach the Good News (see I-A)
- B. The plan: To send the disciples on a short-term **mission**
- C. The strategy: To give authority, instruction and supervision

IV The **Commissioning** For The Mission - Matthew 28:19-20

- A. The objective: To make **disciples** of all nations (see I-A)

- 1. Baptize them
- 2. Teach them to obey everything God commands
- B. The plan: To transfer the mantle of ministry to the disciples
 - 1. The One sent, now sends - Jn. 17:18; 20:21
- C. The strategy: To launch the **cycle** of multiplication
 - 1. Our mission as ambassadors - 2 Cor. 5:18-20
 - 2. Our mission as **disciple** makers - 2 Tim. 2:2
 - 3. Our mission's timetable - Matt. 24:14; 2 Pet. 3:9

PERSONAL APPLICATION

Take some time this week to consider the following:

- 1. What was the major emphasis of your life (what you spent your time, money, energy, etc. living for) before you came to Christ? What is it now? Is it reflected in your actual commitments?
- 2. Make a list of things that Jesus gave up in order to fulfill the mission God gave Him. Do you think He could have had all those things and still accomplished His mission? Why or why not?
- 3. If Jesus were to call you today to follow Him, what do you think He would require you to give up? Would you be willing?
- 4. Read 2 Timothy 2:2. What's Paul's ministry strategy? Are you ready to accept the challenge of multiplying your spiritual life in others? Why or why not?
- 5. Pray for a heart to be sold out for God's mission. Ask Him for one person whom you could disciple and invest in spiritually.

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