

The Power of ONE

Helping Others Follow Jesus

Do for one, what you wish you could do for everyone.

The Great Commission

Matthew 28:18-20 - Jesus came and told his disciples, "I have been given all authority in heaven and on earth. ¹⁹ Therefore, go and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit. ²⁰ Teach these new disciples to obey all the commands I have given you. And be sure of this: I am with you always, even to the end of the age."

The Great Commandment

Matthew 22:34-39 - But when the Pharisees heard that Jesus had silenced the Sadducees with his reply, they met together to question him again. ³⁵ One of them, an expert in religious law, tried to trap him with this question: ³⁶ "Teacher, which is the most important commandment in the law of Moses?" ³⁷ Jesus replied, "You must love the Lord your God with all your heart, all your soul, and all your mind. ³⁸ This is the first and greatest commandment. ³⁹ A second is equally important: Love your neighbor as yourself."

- **A great commitment to the great commission and the great commandment will grow a great church.**

Why Should We Tell People About Jesus?

Jesus told His first followers, "Follow me and I will make you fishers of men." Many people ask the question, "Why can't we just let everyone believe what they want to believe? Why do some Christians think it's important to push their beliefs on other people?"

1) People will rarely come to an understanding of salvation on their own.

2) If we follow Jesus, we will want to please Him.

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Mark 1:14-20 ~ After John (the Baptist) was put in prison, Jesus went into Galilee, proclaiming the good news of God. ¹⁵ "The time has come," he said. "The kingdom of God is near. Repent and believe the good news!" ¹⁶ As Jesus walked beside the Sea of Galilee, he saw Simon and his brother Andrew casting a net into the lake, for they were fishermen. ¹⁷ "Come, follow me," Jesus said, "and I will make you fishers of men." ¹⁸ At once they left their nets and followed him. ¹⁹ When he had gone a little farther, he saw James son of Zebedee and his brother John in a boat, preparing their nets. ²⁰ Without delay he called them, and they left their father Zebedee in the boat with the hired men and followed him.

- 1) Jesus wants us to do for others what someone did for us.**
- 2) God can perfectly position us in the situations and circumstances of this life to do something that will have eternal value.**
- 3) Fishing for men is often a combination of the message, the messenger, and circumstances coming together at the right moment. Usually, the missing ingredient is a willingness to fish.**