

Introduction

Many years ago I went to work at a golf club in Orlando. The owner and I came to an agreement on my compensation, and I went to work for him. In our agreement, I agreed to work at a lower rate the first three months during a probationary period. In the fourth month, I did not receive the increase in wages to the amount that we had agreed upon. The owner denied ever agreeing to that higher rate. From that day forward, I have always insisted on a written employment agreement for me, and I have always given employment or contractor agreements to everyone that has worked for me. I have found that even with a written agreement, many companies do not honor their agreements, but it is still better to have things in writing. One company that I worked for gave me an employment agreement with some performance clauses in it. As I reviewed the performance clauses in the agreement, I came across a couple of items that I had no idea what they were about. I told the manager that I had no clue what he was asking me to do, and that I had never done those things. It is really difficult and frustrating to be asked to do something that you really don't have the experience, knowledge, or ability to do. Good managers give instructions that are clearly understood by others.

In our passage today, Jesus is meeting with His disciples and He is giving them what is known as the Great Commission. He commanded them to go and preach the gospel to all creation. The past two weeks we have been covering the suffering, death, burial, and resurrection of Jesus. In Paul's first letter to the Corinthians he said, "I make known to you, brethren, the gospel which I preached to you." Then, Paul gives a brief summary of the gospel, saying, "For I delivered to you as of first importance what I also received, that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures, and that He was buried, and that He was raised up on the third day according to the Scriptures." He ends by saying, "so we preach and so you believed." The gospel message is of utmost importance, and so we have spent the last two weeks looking at the gospel message, that Christ died for our sins, that He was buried, and that He rose again on the third day. The gospel message is not something that we just know about; we must believe. It is not just something that we believe, Jesus has commanded all of us to go out and preach. Like a good manager, He gave us a clear understanding of that gospel message before commanding us to do something with it.

(1 Cor 15:1-11) "Now I make known to you, brethren, the gospel which I preached to you, which also you received, in which also you stand, {2} by which also you are saved, if you hold fast the word which I preached to you, unless you believed in vain. {3} For I delivered to you as of first importance what I also received, that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures, {4} and that He was buried, and that He was raised on the third day according to the Scriptures.... {11} Whether then *it was* I or they, so we preach and so you believed."

When Paul preached this important gospel message to the Corinthians, they believed the message and were saved. In our passage today, Jesus commands us to go into all the world and preach the gospel. Then, He tells us who will be saved and who will be condemned. He tells us the signs of those that have believed. After giving this commandment to the disciples, He ascended up to heaven. The disciples went out and preached the gospel everywhere, and the Lord confirmed the signs that He had given them. Let's read the passage together.

1. The Commission
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(Mark 16:15-20) “And He said to them, "Go into all the world and preach the gospel to all creation. {16} "He who has believed and has been baptized shall be saved; but he who has disbelieved shall be condemned. {17} "These signs will accompany those who have believed: in My name they will cast out demons, they will speak with new tongues; {18} they will pick up serpents, and if they drink any deadly *poison*, it will not hurt them; they will lay hands on the sick, and they will recover." {19} So then, when the Lord Jesus had spoken to them, He was received up into heaven and sat down at the right hand of God. {20} And they went out and preached everywhere, while the Lord worked with them, and confirmed the word by the signs that followed.] [*And they promptly reported all these instructions to Peter and his companions. And after that, Jesus Himself sent out through them from east to west the sacred and imperishable proclamation of eternal salvation.*]

1. The Commission

In March of 2018, Barna released a survey about the Great Commission. He found that 51% of church members do not know about the Great Commission. He also found that it was particularly true with the Millennials, where only 10% of them knew the Great Commission. Normally, Matthew 28:18-20 is used in discussing the Great Commission. Mark 16:15 is a parallel verse that talks about the Great Commission. There is an obvious need in the church today to teach people about the Great Commission. Before people can be expected to fulfill the Great Commission, they need to be taught and trained in sharing the gospel.

Our passage begins with Jesus commanding the apostles to go into all the world and preach the gospel to all creation. He had just rebuked His disciples for not believing, and now He is commanding them to preach the gospel so others will believe. There are some different views about this command. Some believe that they have to go into the foreign mission fields to preach the gospel. There are others that believe that we are to preach as we go about our normal lives. I believe that God wants to reach the whole world. I believe that all of us can participate in world missions, either in prayer, with our finances, or in personally going out. We must have a world vision, and our individual callings will vary.

(Mark 16:15 “And He said to them, "Go into all the world and preach the gospel to all creation.”

I believe that all of us are called to preach gospel, and that it begins in our Jerusalem, the place we live. Some have a more regional call and preach in Judea and Samaria. Then, there will be others that go to the uttermost parts of the world. Our church has been involved in missions in many different places, but significantly in the Philippines. We have been sponsoring two church plants and have been training their leaders. None of us have physically gone there, but we are helping fulfill this command to preach the gospel to the whole world.

(Acts 1:8) “but you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall be My witnesses both in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and even to the remotest part of the earth.”

I believe the second thing that we learn is from the context. It is vitally important for us to be believers if we are going to carry out the Great Commission. I have heard various statistics about the true number of believers in the church today, and the statistics are not very encouraging. A couple of my pastor friends actually go to other churches with the sole purpose being to preach

the gospel to people in churches. I believe one reason that the church does not evangelize is that many have never placed their faith in Christ themselves.

(Mark 16:14) “Afterward He appeared to the eleven themselves as they were reclining *at the table*; and He reproached them for their unbelief and hardness of heart, because they had not believed those who had seen Him after He had risen.”

When we look at the people in the New Testament that were touched through Jesus’ ministry, they wanted to go with him to preach to other communities. The woman at the well went and told the whole town about Jesus and many came to Christ.

(John 4:28-39) “So the woman left her waterpot, and went into the city and *said to the men, {29} "Come, see a man who told me all the things that I *have* done; this is not the Christ, is it?" {30} They went out of the city, and were coming to Him... {39} From that city many of the Samaritans believed in Him because of the word of the woman who testified, "He told me all the things that I *have* done.)

In Mark 1, Jesus healed a leper. Like the woman at the well, this man was touched by God. Jesus warned him not to tell anybody but to go show himself to the priest and give the prescribed offering for cleansing. This man went out and proclaimed freely what Jesus had done, to such an extent that Jesus could no longer publicly enter a city. When people are touched by God, they share it with others.

(Mark 1:44-45) “and He *said to him, "See that you say nothing to anyone; but go, show yourself to the priest and offer for your cleansing what Moses commanded, as a testimony to them." {45} But he went out and began to proclaim it freely and to spread the news around, to such an extent that Jesus could no longer publicly enter a city, but stayed out in unpopulated areas; and they were coming to Him from everywhere.”

In Mark 5, we have the account of the demoniac that was delivered and set in his right mind. This man was touched by God, and notice what he wanted to do. He wanted to accompany Jesus and the disciples as they went preaching the gospel. Jesus told him to go home and report to them what great things the Lord had done for him. So, he went away and began to proclaim in Decapolis what great things Jesus had done for him. Decapolis is a region, not just a town. This man spread the gospel to that whole region. When people are touched by God, it is normal to go and share it with others. I try to encourage believers to experience more of God in their lives. I tell people to take risks and minister to people. I tell them to trust God to do great things in their lives. Our experiences with God give us more to share with others.

(Mark 5:18-20) “As He was getting into the boat, the man who had been demon-possessed was imploring Him that he might accompany Him. {19} And He did not let him, but He *said to him, "Go home to your people and report to them what great things the Lord has done for you, and *how* He had mercy on you." {20} And he went away and began to proclaim in Decapolis what great things Jesus had done for him; and everyone was amazed.”

Most people in the church today have not shared the gospel with anyone. Statistically, 90% of Christians have never led someone else to the Lord. Most people feel inadequate and do not feel prepared or trained. Most people are frightened at the thought of sharing the gospel. Some are afraid of losing a friendship or alienating people. Most people do not feel that they have been

specifically called to evangelize. They feel their gift is serving, teaching, or something other than evangelizing. They are content to let the “evangelists” preach the gospel. Larry Tomczak, an evangelist and apostle, who also happens to be a friend of mine, gave ten reasons why Christians do not share the gospel. In his book, *Divine Appointments*, he gives ten reasons why Christians do not share the gospel. One of the ten reasons is that they lack instruction. Many Christians do not feel they understand the message of the gospel and how to share the gospel with others. They feel that they are pressured into doing something that they are ill-equipped to do.

In 1 Peter 3:15, we are told to sanctify Christ as Lord in our hearts, always being ready to make a defense to everyone who asks us to give an account for the hope that is in us. Notice that the first thing is that we must sanctify Christ as Lord in our hearts. We have to have that relationship with Christ ourselves. Then, we are to be ready. That means that we need to get the training that we need in order to share the gospel with others. We need to know the gospel. We need to know how to share our testimonies. We need to know how to defend the gospel. The English word for giving a defense of the gospel is apologetics. The Greek word for “defense” in this verse is apologia (Strong’s G627), which means a speech in defense. Christians need to know some apologetics, so they can always be ready.

(1 Pet 3:15) “but sanctify Christ as Lord in your hearts, always being ready to make a defense to everyone who asks you to give an account for the hope that is in you, yet with gentleness and reverence;

(Col 4:5) “Conduct yourselves with wisdom toward outsiders, making the most of the opportunity.”

Another reason that people do not get involved in evangelism is that their view of evangelism is based on one type or style of evangelism, and they don’t see that they fit in. Others are aware of different styles of evangelism, but have not found one that they are comfortable with. Here are some of the various styles of evangelism.

- Confrontational Style – Acts 2:22. Peter confronted the people and several thousand people received the Lord.
- Intellectual Style – Acts 17:6. Paul tried to reason with the people and this worked. (Josh McDowell is an example of this.)
- Testimonial Style – John 9:1-41 (10-12). Looking for a reason to share what God has done in my own life.
- Invitational Style – John 4:28-29. The woman at the well invited the whole city to come see Jesus. She merely invites.
- Miraculous Style – Acts 8:4. Many miracles happened and this gave opportunity for Philip. Many received Jesus.
- Service Style – Acts 9:36-39. Dorcas used her serving to lead people to the Lord.
- Relational Style – Mark 5: 10-20. Go to your own people (oikos) and tell them about Jesus. (Karen)

Everyone will have their own style. I like a combination of many of these. I love to share testimonies with people. I also like the invitational style. I invite lots of people. I like to serve people. Our church has done a lot of service projects for people. We have given TV’s, installed TVs, acted as a taxi service and given needed rides to doctor appointments and other places, insulated doors, and many other things. I like the relational style, and I believe that we need to

try and build relationships with our neighbors. I am also confrontational at times, and like to be straight forward with people. As you can see, I like a combination of these methods. About the only one that I don't enjoy is the intellectual style. I will let others tackle that one.

There is a story about Dwight L. Moody and his style of evangelism that I find very appropriate. A woman approached him to complain about his style. She said, "Mr. Moody, I don't like the way you do evangelism!" He responded, "Well ma'am, let me ask you, how do you do it?" The woman replied, "I don't." Moody responded, "Well, I like my way of doing it better than your way of doing it!"¹ The point is well taken. We need to find a way of preaching the gospel. Your way may be different than my way, but we need to find a way to preach the gospel.

2. The Significance (Mark 16:16)

After commanding the disciples to preach the gospel, Jesus first gave the significance of the gospel. In verse 16 He made a distinction between two groups, those who believed and those who disbelieved. There are eternal consequences for those that believe and those that disbelieve. The ones that have believed and are baptized shall be saved, and those that have not believed will be condemned. All of us will stand before the Lord and give account. Those who have heard the gospel message and believed will be saved. There are real eternal consequences for this gospel message we are to preach. The gospel message is of utmost importance because of the consequences. These are eternal decisions that are being made. The decision to believe the gospel or disbelieve will determine where a person will spend their eternity. This should motivate us to share the message with as many people as possible.

(Mark 16:16) "He who has believed and has been baptized shall be saved; but he who has disbelieved shall be condemned."

In the business world, we routinely do risk management assessments. We look at the possible risks that any operation or procedure has, the magnitude of those risks, and the probability of it occurring. Then, we look for ways to mitigate those risks. If we do a risk analysis, the worst case scenario is that people will be eternally separated from God, and suffering in a place of damnation. That should motivate us to do something to prevent that from happening. If we look at the probability of that risk, it is equally bad. Every person is going to stand before God and those that have not believed will be condemned. The scriptures teach us that many are called but few are chosen. There are going to be billions of people condemned because they have not believed. These are serious risk factors and the solution is to go preach the gospel to all creation. We must warn them of the certain risk in front of them.

3. The Evidences (Mark 16:17-18)

Next, Jesus gave some signs that will accompany those who have believed. He said that those who believe will cast out demons and speak with new tongues, pick up serpents, and that deadly poison will not hurt them, and that they will lay hands on the sick and they will recover. I do not see this as a list of things that will happen to every believer, but these are some of the evidences that believers will have.

¹ Illustrations Unlimited by James S. Hewett. Tyndale House Publishers, 1988, Page 178

(Mark 16:17-18) “These signs will accompany those who have believed: in My name they will cast out demons, they will speak with new tongues; {18} they will pick up serpents, and if they drink any deadly *poison*, it will not hurt them; they will lay hands on the sick, and they will recover.”

One characteristic of these evidences is power. They will cast out demons. When a person enters into the kingdom of God, he is filled with the Holy Spirit. The Holy Spirit empowers us to carry out kingdom work. We are given authority to cast out demons in the name of Jesus. We have power to lay hands on the sick and see them healed. It is not us, but it is Jesus working through us. When we are in Jesus, we have this power and authority.

Another characteristic is supernatural. Believers will walk in the supernatural. Jesus said that believers will speak in new tongues. This was referring to the prophecy in Joel that the Holy Spirit would be poured out on us. This prophecy was partially fulfilled at Pentecost in Acts 2, but is continuing to be fulfilled when people come to Christ and get filled with the Holy Spirit.

(Joel 2:28-29) “It will come about after this That I will pour out My Spirit on all mankind; And your sons and daughters will prophesy, Your old men will dream dreams, Your young men will see visions. {29} "Even on the male and female servants I will pour out My Spirit in those days.”

(Acts 2:1-4) “When the day of Pentecost had come, they were all together in one place. {2} And suddenly there came from heaven a noise like a violent rushing wind, and it filled the whole house where they were sitting. {3} And there appeared to them tongues as of fire distributing themselves, and they rested on each one of them. {4} And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit was giving them utterance.”

When believers pray in the Spirit, Paul wrote that the Spirit intercedes for us according to the will of God. When believers pray in the Holy Spirit they are built up on their most holy faith. Believers are encouraged to pray and sing in the Spirit.

(Rom 8:26-27) “In the same way the Spirit also helps our weakness; for we do not know how to pray as we should, but the Spirit Himself intercedes for *us* with groanings too deep for words; {27} and He who searches the hearts knows what the mind of the Spirit is, because He intercedes for the saints according to *the will of God*.”

On a personal note I have found that praying in the Spirit ushers in revelations from God. Some of the songs that the Lord has given to me came when I was praying in the Spirit. As I prayed, I received spiritual downloads from heaven. It is not that I am a great musician or composer; I just have the Holy Spirit working inside of me giving me supernatural things. Paul tells us in 1 Corinthians 2 that we don't know the mind of God, but He has given us the Holy Spirit so that we can know the mind of God. The Holy Spirit gives us thoughts and revelations.

(1 Cor 2:10-13) “For to us God revealed *them* through the Spirit; for the Spirit searches all things, even the depths of God. {11} For who among men knows the *thoughts* of a man except the spirit of the man which is in him? Even so the *thoughts* of God no one knows except the Spirit of God. {12} Now we have received, not the spirit of the world, but the Spirit who is from God, so that we may know the things freely given to us by God,

{13} which things we also speak, not in words taught by human wisdom, but in those taught by the Spirit, combining spiritual *thoughts* with spiritual *words*.”

Jesus also said that believers will pick up serpents and if they drink any deadly poison, it will not hurt them. This is another supernatural phenomena. The apostle Paul was bit by a viper on the island of Malta. He picked it up and put it in the fire, and he was not harmed. The natives thought he was a god. All of these signs literally happened and continue to happen. Each of these manifestations are not the experience of every believer, but these signs do happen. We cannot walk into fiery furnaces like Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego and expect not to be burned. We cannot walk casually into lions' dens. These were individual experiences, but they are not the experience of everyone. The signs given in this passage are some evidences that could happen.

(Acts 28:1-6) “When they had been brought safely through, then we found out that the island was called Malta. {2} The natives showed us extraordinary kindness; for because of the rain that had set in and because of the cold, they kindled a fire and received us all. {3} But when Paul had gathered a bundle of sticks and laid them on the fire, a viper came out because of the heat and fastened itself on his hand. {4} When the natives saw the creature hanging from his hand, they *began* saying to one another, "Undoubtedly this man is a murderer, and though he has been saved from the sea, justice has not allowed him to live." {5} However he shook the creature off into the fire and suffered no harm. {6} But they were expecting that he was about to swell up or suddenly fall down dead. But after they had waited a long time and had seen nothing unusual happen to him, they changed their minds and *began* to say that he was a god.”

There are many other evidences of a someone becoming a believer. The book of 1st John was written to give people assurance of their salvation. Depending on how you categorize, there are about a dozen signs of a new believer. John gives the main purpose for his letter in chapter five. He said, “These things I have written to you who believe in the name of the Son of God, so that you may know that you have eternal life.” What did he write? The book of 1 John is about the various proofs. Verse twelve sums it up. “He who has the Son has life; He who does not have the Son of God does not have life.” Here are the evidences that John gave.

(1 John 5:12-13) “He who has the Son has the life; he who does not have the Son of God does not have the life. {13} These things I have written to you who believe in the name of the Son of God, so that you may know that you have eternal life.”

1. We experience, have fellowship, and abide with God. (1 John 1:1-3, 4:12-13)
2. We walk in the light and not darkness. We walk in truth. If we walk in darkness, we lie and do not practice the truth. We purify ourselves. (1 John 1:6, 2:29, 3:3-4, 3:7-10)
3. We confess our sins. If we say that we do not sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us. (1 John 1:8)
4. We keep His commandments. The one who does not keep His commandments is a liar, and the truth is not in him. (1 John 2:3-4, 5:3)

5. We love God and we love our brother. John said that everyone who loves is born of God, and he that does not love does not know God. (1 John 2:9-11, 3:11-12, 3:15-18, 4:7-12, 4:19-21, John 13:34-35)
6. We do not love the things of the world. John said that if anyone loves the things of the world, the Father is not in him. (1 John 2:15-17)
7. We fellowship with one another. John said that they went out from us so that it would be shown that they are not of us. John said that those who know God listen to us. They receive apostolic and pastoral teaching. (1 John 2:19)
8. We have an anointing from God. When we receive Christ, we receive the Holy Spirit. The Holy Spirit abides in us and teaches us. (1 John 2:20, 2:26-27)
9. We confess Christ before others. John said that whoever confesses the Son has the Father, but whoever denies that Jesus is the Christ is a liar. We have a testimony of how God has changed our lives. (1 John 2:22-23, 4:1-3, 4:15, 5:6-11)
10. We walk free of guilt and condemnation. Our heart assures us, and we have confidence before God. (1 John 3:19-22)
11. We believe that Jesus is the Messiah. (1 John 5:1)
12. We overcome the world. (1 John 5:4-5)

There are evidences of those that believe. They are empowered and given authority to cast out demons, and heal the sick. The Holy Spirit is given to them and they will speak in tongues and perform supernatural things. Our passage did not give the list that John gave, but there are many other evidences of a true believer.

4. The Results (Mark 16:19-20)

After Jesus commanded the disciple to go preach the gospel, and shared with them the eternal consequences of the gospel message, the Lord ascended up into heaven and sat down at the right hand of God. Jesus had come to earth to take away the sins of the world, which He had accomplished at the cross. He had also trained up a select group of apostles to carry on the work. He was now ready to go back to the Father, who had sent Him.

(Mark 16:19) “So then, when the Lord Jesus had spoken to them, He was received up into heaven and sat down at the right hand of God.”

In Ephesians 1:20-21, Paul wrote that God raised Jesus from the dead and seated Him at His right hand in the heavenly places, far above all rule and authority and power and dominion. In Colossians 3:1, he wrote that we are to keep seeking the things above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. We know exactly where Christ is, seated at the right hand of the Father.

(Eph 1:20-21) “which He brought about in Christ, when He raised Him from the dead and seated Him at His right hand in the heavenly *places*, {21} far above all rule and authority and

power and dominion, and every name that is named, not only in this age but also in the one to come.”

(Col 3:1) “Therefore if you have been raised up with Christ, keep seeking the things above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God.”

Jesus told the disciples that He was going to leave and was going to send them a Helper so that they would not be left as orphans. Jesus was very clear that He was going back to the Father.

(John 14:16-18) “I will ask the Father, and He will give you another Helper, that He may be with you forever; {17} *that is* the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it does not see Him or know Him, *but* you know Him because He abides with you and will be in you. {18} “I will not leave you as orphans; I will come to you.”

Not only do we know where Jesus is, we know what He is doing. In Romans 8:34, Paul wrote that Jesus was raised and is at the right hand of God, and is interceding for us. In Hebrews 7, we are told that Jesus is able to save forever those who draw near to God through Him, since He always lives to make intercession for them. Jesus, as our High Priest, is seated at the right hand of the Father and is always interceding for us. I take great comfort in the fact that Jesus is aware of everything going on in our lives, and He is interceding for us. He delights in us, and He knows what our needs are. He is interceding and working all things together for our good.

(Rom 8:34) “who is the one who condemns? Christ Jesus is He who died, yes, rather who was raised, who is at the right hand of God, who also intercedes for us.”

(Heb 7:25) “Therefore He is able also to save forever those who draw near to God through Him, since He always lives to make intercession for them.”

Not only is Jesus seated at the right hand of the Father making intercession, He has all authority. We saw in Ephesians 1:20-21 that He is far above all rule and authority and power and dominion. When Jesus intercedes, there is no higher authority. All powers and dominions must bow the knee to Jesus. There is no situation on heaven or earth that the One interceding for us does not have ultimate power and authority over.

Mark also tells us what the disciples did after receiving the Great Commission. They went out and preached everywhere. They were obedient to do exactly what Jesus commanded them to do. Mark also tells us that the Lord worked with them and confirmed the word by the signs that followed. Jesus told them the signs that they would see, and then He worked through them and confirmed these signs.

(Mark 16:20) “And they went out and preached everywhere, while the Lord worked with them, and confirmed the word by the signs that followed.]

In the NASB, there is a verse in italics after Mark 16:20. The footnote reads, a few late manuscripts and versions contain this verse, usually after verse eight; a few have it at the end of the chapter. The verse says that they promptly reported all these instructions to Peter and his companions. And after that, Jesus Himself sent out through them from east to west the sacred and imperishable proclamation of eternal salvation. This verse is referring to the Mary Magdalene and the ladies with her. They had gone to the tomb and the angel told them to convey

the message to Peter. In verse eight, it reads that they said nothing to anyone. In my message on that passage I said that they did not say anything to anyone other than Peter and John, and I based that on John 20:2, which tells us that Mary ran and came to Simon Peter and to the other disciple whom Jesus loved. This verse is not found in the earlier manuscripts; it is only found in some of the later manuscripts. This leads into our next message, which is about the authenticity of this passage that we covered last week and this week.

[And they promptly reported all these instructions to Peter and his companions. And after that, Jesus Himself sent out through them from east to west the sacred and imperishable proclamation of eternal salvation.]

(John 20:2) “So she *ran and *came to Simon Peter and to the other disciple whom Jesus loved, and *said to them, "They have taken away the Lord out of the tomb, and we do not know where they have laid Him.”

Conclusion and Applications

Our passage today is rich with applications. Let’s take just a minute to review a few of them. All of us have been commanded to preach the gospel to the whole world.

- Are you confident in your ability to effectively share your testimony?
- Are you confident in your knowledge of the gospel message?
- Are you comfortable in sharing the gospel with others?
- Are you actively sharing your testimony and the gospel with others?
- Are you praying and looking for opportunities so that you can make the most of them?
- Are you able to defend the gospel message?
- Are you participating in bringing the gospel to all nations? Are you financially supporting world missions? Are you prayerfully supporting world missions?

There are eternal consequences with the gospel message.

- Have you personally believed the gospel message?
- If you were to die tonight, do you know where you would spend your eternity?
- The Bible says that we can know the answer to that question. Do you believe that Jesus died for our sins and was raised from the dead? Have you confessed Jesus as your Lord and Savior?

There were signs that were evidenced by those who believed the gospel message.

- Has the Holy Spirit given you new tongues? Are you praying in tongues? Are you singing and worshipping in the Spirit?
- Are you praying for the sick and laying hands on them? Are you seeing people healed?
- Do you feel confident in your ability to pray for the sick? Are you confident in your ability to cast out demons?

The disciples were obedient and did the things that Jesus commanded them to do. He worked with them and they saw magnificent results? Are you doing the things that God has called you to do? Are you seeing His hand upon you, confirming the work of your hands?

Q & A

Introduction (1 Cor 15:1-11, Mark 16:15-20)**1. The Commandment** (Mark 16:15, Acts 1:8, Mark 16:14, John 4:28-39, Mark 1:44-45, 5:18-20, 1 Peter 3:15, Col 4:5)

- Confrontational Style – Acts 2:22
- Intellectual Style – Acts 17:6
- Testimonial Style – John 9:1-41
- Invitational Style – John 4:28-29
- Miraculous Style – Acts 8:4
- Service Style – Acts 9:36-39
- Relational Style – Mark 5: 10-20

2. The Significance (Mark 16:16)**3. The Evidences** (Mark 16:17-18, Joel 2:28-29, Acts 2:1-4, Rom 8:26-27, 1 Cor 2:10-13, Acts 28:1-6, 1 John 5:12-13)

1. We have fellowship with God. (1 John 1:1-3, 4:12-13)
2. We walk in the light and not darkness. (1 John 1:6, 2:29, 3:3-4, 3:7-10)
3. We confess our sins. (1 John 1:8)
4. We keep His commandments. (1 John 2:3-4, 5:3)
5. We love God and we love our brother. (1 John 2:9-11, 3:11-12, 3:15-18, 4:7-12, 4:19-21)
6. We do not love the things of the world. (1 John 2:15-17)
7. We fellowship with one another. (1 John 2:19)
8. We have an anointing from God. (1 John 2:20, 2:26-27)
9. We confess Christ before others. (1 John 2:22-23, 4:1-3, 4:15, 5:6-11)
10. We have confidence before God. (1 John 3:19-22)
11. We believe that Jesus is the Messiah. (1 John 5:1)
12. We overcome the world. (1 John 5:4-5)

4. The Results (Mark 16:19-20, Eph 1:20-21, Col 3:1, John 14:16-18, Rom 8:34, Heb 7:25, John 20:2)**Conclusion and Applications**