

Series: Missions Month (Part 3)
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INTRODUCTION

Pastor Cheral spoke to us about the often-overlooked aspect of the Great Commission, specifically *obedience*. She distilled three points:

- Obedience needs to be taught
- Obedience is total, not partial
- Obedience is the mark of real discipleship

Matthew 28:19-20 NIV

[19] Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, [20] and **teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you**. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age.”

The great commission is sustained and fulfilled by daily obedience. Pastor Cheral's message *is* her testimony.

Are we obeying Jesus' commands as disciples of Christ? How are we in turn teaching others to obey?

Let us declare:

We will go, we will obey, fulfilling God's assignment all the way.

DISCUSSION

1. Read Matthew 28:18-20.
2. What do you know of the passage's context?
 - a. Within the Biblical book
 - b. Within the Bible as a whole
 - c. Within the time and place it was written
3. What is happening in the passage?
 - a. **Who** is doing **what** to **whom**?
 - b. And (based on the same Scripture) **why**?
 - c. What questions (if any) do you have on what is revealed to us?
4. What might God be speaking to you through the passage?
 - a. What aspect of the passage are you drawn to?
 - b. Why are you drawn to it?
 - c. How might this aspect of the passage speak to your current situation in life?

d. What might the passage be calling for you to shift?

AN E1R1 REFLECTION

“We love because he first loved us.” - 1 John 4:19

We cannot give what we have not first received.

The great commission begins with Jesus declaring his authority “All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. **Therefore** go and make disciples...”

Are we alive to the authority that we have in Christ? When was the last time you felt the tangible love and peace of God? If we are not filled, there is nothing to share.

Would you ask God for a fresh revelation of the depth and breadth and height of his love for you? Out of that overflowing love, would you share the good news of Christ with those around you?