

KEY ELEMENTS OF MENTORING

Making Disciples through Mentoring

It Is Personal

Four additional expressions of the Great Commission can be found in the New Testament:

"Then He said to them, 'Go into all the world and preach the gospel to the whole creation'"
(Mark 16:15)

"Then He opened their minds to understand the Scriptures. He also said to them, 'this is what is written: The Messiah would suffer and rise from the dead the third day, and repentance for forgiveness of sins would be proclaimed in His name to all the nations, beginning at Jerusalem. You are witnesses of these things'"
(Luke 24:45-48)

"Jesus said to them again, 'Peace to you! As the Father has sent Me, I also send you'"
(John 20:21)

"{Y}ou will be My witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth"
(Acts 1:8)

Jesus' words are meant personally for every believer. As the Father sent Him, Jesus in His authority sends His followers to proclaim the Word and make disciples. Each of us must do evangelism and mentor those who come to faith.

It Is Global

While the word "go" isn't a command in the original Greek text of Matthew 28:19 in the same way that it's translated in English, that's not to say the Great Commission doesn't require us to make disciples of people around the world. In fact, four of the five Great Commission passages in the New Testament clearly speak of the nations or the world. It's our responsibility to make disciples of all nations," a word that most likely refers to ethnic people groups rather than geopolitical countries.

What does this command mean to you? It might mean that God has a mentor/mentee for you from a different ethnic group. You may find believers from other countries who have had significant gospel training. On occasion, someone from a different cultural perspective can challenge our faith to a level of discomfort-and growth.

The global nature of the Great Commission calls us to consider serving as mentors to internationals in our communities who follow Jesus. God may bring a foreign exchange student, immigrant, or even a refugee believer to your area in order to form a divine intersection with you. Don't miss that opportunity to be obedient to Jesus' Great Commission command.