



**The Churchly Mission of God**  
**5<sup>th</sup> in the “Church on Mission” Series**  
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August 5, 2018  
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**Introduction**

In this sermon we reflect on how Hope Church has been assigned by God to be a “church on mission.”

**The Text: Matthew 28:16-20**

- 1) Jesus, the New Moses, assigns the church to participate in the mission of God (vv. 16-18).
  - a) *“Go” – Introduction*
  - b) *“Baptize” – Initiation*
  - c) *“Teach” – Instruction*
  
- 2) The church (and therefore every Christian!) has been given a “Great Commission,” a specific mission and purpose from God (vv. 19-20).
  - a) *“Go” – Introduction*
  - b) *“Baptize” – Initiation*
  - c) *“Teach” – Instruction*
  
- 3) There are several characteristics of a local church that is a “church on mission?”
  - a) *They do not separate evangelism from discipleship.*
  - b) *They take the local church seriously*
  - c) *They see themselves as Christians above all else.*
  - d) *They are not simply disciples, they are disciple-makers.*

**Response**

- Don’t waste this Sunday!

## Sunday Text Questions for Matthew 28:16-20

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- 1) Starter Question: If someone asked you, “What is the mission of the church?” what would you say?
- 2) Read the text aloud and discuss together any significant observations or issues needing clarification.
- 3) Read Exodus 19, the chapter right before the 10 Commandments. How does the imagery in vv. 16-17 intend to reflect that scene with Moses/Israel?
- 4) Related to the previous question, how does Jesus giving instruction at a mountain depict him as the New Moses, and what does that mean?
- 5) What might the description of worship mixed with doubt in v. 17 teach us about the challenge of every Christian who seeks to live out their faith in the real world?
- 6) Many think the verb “Go” at the beginning of v. 19 is the primary thrust of Great Commission. How does the fact that “make disciples” is the main verb supported by three qualifiers (go, baptize, and teach) affect the meaning of this passage?
- 7) How does making disciples involving the aspects of “going,” “baptizing,” and “teaching?”
- 8) Why does Jesus end this formal commissioning in v. 20 with a declaration of his presence, and how might that be significant?
- 9) How should every local church use this text as its job description?
- 10) How does Hope Church obey this text? How might we (and you!) be more faithful to it?

**Further study this week:** John 20:19-23 on the mission of the church (Mon); Matthew 9:35-38 on workers for the mission (Tues); Romans 10:5-15 on the need for workers for the mission (Wed); Acts 1:6-11 on the Spirit and the mission of the church (Thurs); John 4:31-38 on the mission as a harvest (Fri).