

## Pentecost Series

# “Our Missionary God – *the God who seeks*”

## “The Church’s Mandate”

Matthew 28:16-20

### *What’s the Church’s primary task?*

#### **All authority has been given to Jesus**, v. 18

*Then Jesus came to them and said, “All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me.” – v. 18*

*God has put all things under the authority of Christ and has made him head over all things for the benefit of the church. – Ephesians 1:22 New Living Translation*

#### **Therefore make disciples of all nations**, v. 19 & 20

*<sup>19</sup>“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, <sup>20</sup>and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you.” – vs. 19 & 20*

- **By going**

*Again Jesus said, “Peace be with you! As the Father has sent me, I am sending you.” – John 20:21*

*<sup>15</sup>He said to them, “Go into all the world and preach the gospel to all creation.*

*<sup>16</sup>Whoever believes and is baptized will be saved, but whoever does not believe will be condemned.” – Mark 16:15 & 16*

- **By baptizing**

*<sup>16</sup>For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life. <sup>17</sup>For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but to save the world through him. <sup>18</sup>Whoever believes in him is not condemned, but whoever does not believe stands condemned*

*already because they have not believed in the name of God’s one and only Son. ... <sup>35</sup>The Father loves the Son and has placed everything in his hands. <sup>36</sup>Whoever believes in the Son has eternal life, but whoever rejects the Son will not see life, for God’s wrath remains on them. – John 3:16-18, 35-36*

*<sup>18</sup>All this is from God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ and gave us the ministry of reconciliation: <sup>19</sup>that God was reconciling the world to himself in Christ, not counting people’s sins against them. And he has committed to us the message of reconciliation. <sup>20</sup>We are therefore Christ’s ambassadors, as though God were making his appeal through us. We implore you on Christ’s behalf: Be reconciled to God.*

*<sup>21</sup>God made him who had no sin to be sin for us, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God. – 2 Corinthians 5:18-21*

- **By teaching**

*“Blessed rather are those who hear the word of God and obey it.” – Luke 11:28*

**“The best of all is, God is with us.”** – John Wesley’s last words

*“And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age.” – v. 20*

## Will you step out in faith and take on the Church’s mandate?

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### Discussion Questions

1. What is the church’s primary task? Why do you believe that?
2. What does the Great Commission mean?
3. What does the Great Commission mean *for you*?
4. How will you respond to this call from the Lord?

### Suggested Daily Bible Readings

Monday	Matthew, chapter 28	Tuesday	Mark, chapter 16
Wednesday	Luke, chapter 24	Thursday	John, chapters 20 & 21
Friday	Acts, chapters 1 & 2	Saturday	Acts, chapters 3 & 4

### Pentecost sermon series: “Our Missionary God – *the God who seeks*”

*This series focuses on the heart of God for the lost throughout the world, including those in Searcy, Arkansas. Through the series, we will study God’s heart, call, help, and influence. Join us weekly and capture the heart of God.*

June 22 “A Prayer for Boldness” Acts 4:23-31

June 29 “God Goes Before Us” Acts 8:26-30