

## Study notes based on Sunday morning 13 January 2019

### The Church Commissioned – Matthew 28:16-20

1. How do we react to the information in v17 that some of the eleven worshipped Jesus, but some doubted?
2. What is the personal implication for us in that Jesus claims all authority in heaven and on earth?
3. How do you respond to the suggestion that the Go in the Great Commission is not a command, and that the only command in the Great Commission is 'make disciples'? What difference does this make to our response to this commission?
4. What difference does reading 'Go' as 'as we go' in the whole of life, make for our individual and corporate life as church? How can we support one another in our fulfilment of this commission?
5. What do we do with the 'all nations' part of the Commission? See Acts 1:8. How do we respond to Jackie Pullinger's words 'stop living vicariously through me and get on with the job'.
6. Jesus commissioned the church to baptise in the name of the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit. What are the practical implications of a trinitarian understanding of God? (even if we can never fully understand it)
7. Reflect on the words of D L Moody - The Bible isn't given for our information, but for our transformation.
8. What about Rick Warren's assertion that a great commitment to the Great Commandment and the Great Commission will grow a great church?
9. 'Surely I am with you' How important to you is this declaration from Jesus? How have you experienced His presence in practical terms?
10. 'I'm sorry Lord for the things I've made it' – what do you think are some of the things that church has become, that Jesus never intended?

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