

THREE COMMANDS AND A PROMISE.

| Discussion Notes

This week we're looking at The Great Commission in Matthew 28. It's a good chance to study a passage in a bit more detail so you may want to encourage people to bring a Bible and read through Matthew 28:16-20 in a few translations.

Rachel explained that this passage contains three commands and a promise.

1. THEREFORE GO AND MAKE DISCIPLES OF ALL NATIONS

- This commission from Jesus to go and make disciples is the last command that Jesus gave us and has been true for every Christian for 2,000 years. Have you considered the fact that we are part of this 2,000 year old challenge?
- 'Therefore go' tells us that we can make disciples of all nations because Jesus has all authority in Heaven and on Earth. How does this change how we think about sharing our faith?

2. BAPTISING THEM IN THE NAME OF THE FATHER AND OF THE SON AND OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

- Are you surprised that Jesus puts being baptised as one of his three commands in the Great Commission? Why is it so important?
- Rachel explained the importance of being baptised in the Holy Spirit. What does this mean and why does it matter?

3. TEACHING THEM TO OBEY EVERYTHING I HAVE COMMANDED YOU

- What can we do practically in our lives to help us to continue to obey Jesus' commands? What habits or practices can we put in place?
- Do you feel confident in teaching others to obey Jesus' commands? If so, what does this look like? If not, why not?

THE PROMISE: SURELY I AM WITH YOU ALWAYS, TO THE VERY END OF THE AGE

- Have you experienced a time where you were aware of Jesus being with you?
- How can we know this promise in our lives today? What have you found helps remind you of Jesus walking alongside you?

As always, the Hub that follows a baptism Sunday is a really great chance to see if people are interested in baptism. If there is anyone who is considering being baptised, encourage them to watch the first video of the Baptism Preparation course (<https://youtu.be/6ppOiDe4VkQ>). The next Baptism Sunday is Easter Sunday.

Take some time to pray together. You may want to encourage each person in your Hub to pick one command that they want to press into more, praying for courage and confidence to carry out the Great Commission. You may also want to take some time to pray for one another to experience God's presence, inviting the Holy Spirit to meet with you as you remember that he is always with us.