

## SECTION 2                      JESUS FILM TRAINING MANUAL

### Topic 4:                      *Ambassadors for Christ*

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#### **Purpose:**

The purpose of this session is to help us understand what the Great Commission is, how it relates to every Christian, and to motivate us to be Christ's Ambassadors and obey His command to go and make disciples in the world.

#### **Learning Objectives:**

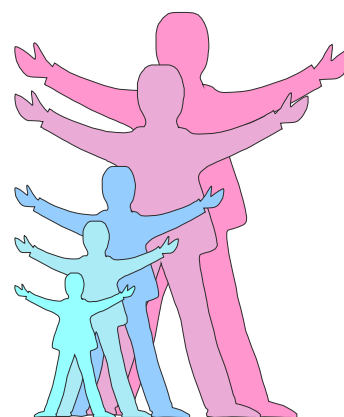
1. Understand what the Great Commission is.
2. Explain why every Christian should take the Great Commission seriously.
3. Challenge to begin and maintain a personal involvement in the Great Commission.

#### **Discussion:**

What is the role of an ambassador in representing his government.

- He is sent.
- He does not represent himself.
- He is protected by the power of his diplomatic immunity.
- He delivers a message not his own.

2 Cor.5:20      *Christians have been called to be representatives of the resurrected and ascended Christ in the world.*



### **A.      OUR TASK**

Mt.28:18-20      **The Method:**

In the text there is only one command:

**Make disciples.** A disciple is a learner, a growing follower of Jesus, who multiplies the influence of his Teacher by spreading His message. We have been called to tell the Gospel to others and to teach them to carry it

Mk.16:15-16      **The Scope:**

The whole world has the right to hear enough about Jesus to believe in Him. Christians do not have the right to keep the Gospel to themselves.

Lk.24:44-49 **The Message:**

Two points of focus:

- 1) the message about Christ, His sacrifice and resurrection.
- 2) the message of salvation and forgiveness of sins.

Jn.20:21-23 **The Author and Authority:**

We have been authorized by God through Jesus. "As the Father has sent me, so send I you." We have been sent to proclaim forgiveness, which Jesus earned on the Cross.

Acts 1:8 **The Power:**

The Holy Spirit is the power in carrying out the Great Commission. He makes us witnesses of Christ.



**The fulfilling of the Great Commission includes three duties:**

- 1) The Gospel is to be brought to everyone.
- 2) As many as possible are to be brought into a living fellowship with Christ.
- 3) From the people living in fellowship with Christ, as many as possible are to be made disciples, carriers of the message, multipliers.

**B. GOD IS FULFILLING HIS GREAT COMMISSION**

In the New Testament there are strong statements about how God is actively involved in fulfilling the Great Commission through His People. Acts 2:47

- 1. 1 Thess. 1:2-8 "The faith of the Thessalonians was spread".
- 2. Acts 10:9-10 Paul's work resulted in a whole district being saturated with the gospel.
- 3. 2 Tim 2:2 Describes an example of Paul's work: personal disciple making, increase and multiplication.
- 4. There is a God-created **hunger** for God in man.
  - a. People seek religion.
  - b. People search for solid values.
  - d. Spiritual movements grow.

**C. THE ATTITUDE OF TODAY'S MAN**

Most people have never said "No" to Jesus. They may have said "No" to a caricature they drew themselves of the church, of Christianity, or of Christ. In reality they have never been close enough to Christ to be able to deny Him. They have never been challenged on the basis of God's Word, to make a personal decision about Christ. They are unaware of the Gospel, disappointed in religion, but interested in the living Christ!

**D. HOW TO FULFIL THE GREAT COMMISSION**

Mt.28:18-20

**Discipleship** - the priesthood of all Christians. Christ calls all His followers to carry on His message, to become a multiplier.



Acts 19:1-10

Paul **stayed in a place** until: "... all the Jews and Greeks who lived in the province of Asia heard the word of the Lord."

Rom.15:18-20

Christians **grew to be multipliers** and assumed the responsibility of taking the Gospel into their neighbourhood, the whole city and the whole country.

**ALL THE CHURCH HAS BEEN CALLED TO BRING ALL THE GOSPEL INTO ALL THE WORLD WITH ALL THE POWER, LOVE, AND CREATIVITY OF THE HOLY SPIRIT.**

**E. OUR RESPONSE**

Isaiah 6:5-8

**"HERE AM I, SEND ME!"**

