








## "Jesus' Last Command" - Sermon Notes – Matthew 28:18-20





### Introduction

1. **"Go and make disciples"** - the command
2. **"I will be with you always"** - the encouragement and power
3. God uses many spaces and environments to meet people where they are in their spiritual journey with Christ.  
 Each environment is to be celebrated and championed.

### With/Send – O.T./Extra Biblical

1. Old Testament  
 Born out of the very being and character of God.
  - John 14 – eternally with one another
  - John 17 – Father sends the Son
  - John 15 – Father and Son send the Spirit God in relationship to His people at major covenant junctions
  - Adam and Eve: With – Genesis 3:8; Send – Genesis 1:26-28
  - Noah: With – Genesis 6:9; Send – Genesis 8:16ff
  - Abraham: With (show)/Send – Genesis 12:1
  - Moses: Send – Exodus 3:10; With – Exodus 3:12
  - David: With/Send – 2 Samuel 7:9 Person to Person with/send
  - Moses/Joshua: With - Exodus 24:13; Exodus 33:11; Send – Joshua 1:9
  - Elijah/Elisha: With – 1 Kings 19:20; Send – 2 Kings 2:13ff
2. Extra Biblical  
 Socrates/Plato/Aristotle

### With/Send – N.T.

1. Four Reasons (among others) for the massive spread of Christianity in the 100 years following Jesus' ascension.  
 The power of the Holy Spirit: Acts 1:8; Acts 2:1ff; John 14; Romans 8  
 Prayer: Acts 2:42-47; Romans 1:10; Ephesians 1:15ff; Philippians 1:3ff; Colossians 1:3ff; 1 Thessalonians 1:2ff; 2 Thessalonians 3:1ff; 1 Timothy 2:1ff; Colossians 4:2-4  
 Spirit-filled preaching/teaching of the Word: Acts 2:14ff; Acts 8:12; Acts 9:27; Acts 14:21; 1 Cor. 14:1; Gal. 4:13  
 Discipling after Jesus' model
  - Barnabas/Paul – Paul/Barnabas – Acts 4, 11, 13, 15
  - Barnabas/John Mark – Acts 15; 2 Timothy 4:11
  - Paul – Acts 20:2-5

***"He was accompanied by Sopater son of Pyrrhus (ROMANS 16:21) from Berea, Aristarchus (ACTS 19:29, 27:2; COL 4:10) and Secundus from Thessalonica, Gaius from Derbe (ROM 16:23), Timothy (ACTS, 1 & 2 TIM) also, and Tychicus***

*(Eph. 6:21; Col. 4:7-9; 2 Tim. 4:12) and Trophimus (2 TIM 4:20) from the province of Asia. These men went on ahead and waited for us (Luke – Col 4:14; 2 Tim 4:11; Philemon 1:24) at Troas.”*

2. Jesus



His call – Matthew 4:19; Mark 1:17



In His selection of the 12 – Mark 3:12



He was with **“uneducated ordinary men”** who became bold (Acts 4:13) and used them to **“turn the world upside down”** (Acts 17:6)

- Jesus prayed all night before selecting the 12 – Luke 6:12



Jesus is Immanuel, God with us – Is. 7:14



Who identified with us in our sin who were **“following the course of this world...sons of disobedience”**  
Ephesians 2:2



We identify with Him in His righteousness – Romans 5, **“in Him”** – Ephesians 1



He desires us to be with HIM and be filled by His sufficiency - Matthew 11:28-30, and he desires to send us out – John 20:21



He desires for us to disciple others as we follow Christ. 1 Corinthians 11:1

**The End of Send – Only With**

Revelation 21:1-4 says, **“Then I saw ‘a new heaven and a new earth’, for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and there was no longer any sea. <sup>2</sup> I saw the Holy City, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride beautifully dressed for her husband. <sup>3</sup> And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, ‘Look! God’s dwelling place is now among the people, and he will dwell with them. They will be his people, and God himself will be with them and be their God. <sup>4</sup> He will wipe every tear from their eyes. There will be no more death’ or mourning or crying or pain, for the old order of things has passed away.”**