



Mission: Possible! Sunday Celebration Message Guide

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On Mission for God!

Mission: Possible! will help your congregation celebrate its role in the Great Commission. Whether partnering with a missionary, providing food for the hungry in your community, or sending people from your

church on a short-term ministry experience, your congregation is on mission for God!

We also hope that *Mission: Possible!* challenges disciples of Christ to accept personal accountability to the Great Commission. God has a role for each of us in the Great Mission to “GO” outside of our daily agendas and comfort zones. Our prayer is that your *Mission: Possible! Message* carries a note of both celebration and challenge!

Below are some thoughts to help you process your *Mission: Possible! Message*.

Welcome to the Great Mission!

GOing – Matthew 28 is one of five Great Commission passages found in the Gospels and Acts. (See Lk 24:36-49; Jn 20:19-23; Mk 16:14-15, Acts 1:6-8; and, of course, Mt 28:16-20). Common among these passages is that the disciples are being sent.

Making Disciples– The Great Commission is often presented as a mandate to make converts. But Jesus’ mandate is to teach people about him. How does that change how we live the Great Mission?

Baptizing – Jesus is specific about what he wants his disciples to do; baptism is part of that, and it is always closely tied to repentance (Acts 2:38).

Teaching – As Jesus commissions his disciples, he is laying out their agenda. This agenda of teaching and bringing people to repentance is a process. We are agents of Christ, carrying out his agenda on earth. Our role as disciples is not just to learn, but to teach others what we know of Jesus Christ!

The Holy Spirit – Clearly, the Holy Spirit is involved in the Great Mission. Jesus tells the disciples to invoke the Holy Spirit’s presence during baptism (Mt 28:19). And the Holy Spirit gives us power to be witness to all the world, to carry out our role in the Great Mission (Acts 1:8).

We’re Not Alone – The Great Mission is about accepting God’s agenda for our lives. God’s agenda is ALWAYS bigger than us, and God’s presence is always required to accomplish His agenda. But God is with us. (Ex 3:12; Mt 28:20). We were never called to participate in the Great Mission alone!

Celebrate – Take a moment in your message to celebrate your congregation’s role in the Great Mission! Your financial, prayerful, relational support of a missionary or your community outreach is worth giving praise to God.

Challenge – How does accepting personal accountability to the Great Commission change our lives as disciples of Christ? 🌍