

Matthew 28:16-20 (NLT) - 16 Then the eleven disciples left for Galilee, going to the mountain where Jesus had told them to go. ¹⁷When they saw him, they worshiped him—but some of them doubted!

¹⁸Jesus came and told his disciples, “I have been given all authority in heaven and on earth. ¹⁹Therefore, go and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit. ²⁰Teach these new disciples to obey all the commands I have given you. And be sure of this: I am with you always, even to the end of the age.”

Matthew 25:14-19 (NLT) - 14 “Again, the Kingdom of Heaven can be illustrated by the story of a man going on a long trip. He called together his servants and entrusted his money to them while he was gone. ¹⁵He gave five bags of silver^[a] to one, two bags of silver to another, and one bag of silver to the last—dividing it in proportion to their abilities. He then left on his trip.

¹⁶“The servant who received the five bags of silver began to invest the money and earned five more. ¹⁷The servant with two bags of silver also went to work and earned two more. ¹⁸But the servant who received the one bag of silver dug a hole in the ground and hid the master’s money.

¹⁹“After a long time their master returned from his trip and called them to give an account of how they had used his money.

- 1) Authority - Matthew 25:14(a) (NLT) “Again, the Kingdom of Heaven can be illustrated by the story of a man going on a long trip. He called together his servants “
- 2) Assignment - Matthew 25:14(b) (NLT) “...and entrusted his money to them while he was gone.”
- 3) Action – Matthew 25:16-18 (NLT) ¹⁶“The servant who received the five bags of silver began to invest the money and earned five more. ¹⁷The servant with two bags of silver also went to work and earned two more. ¹⁸But the servant who received the one bag of silver dug a hole in the ground and hid the master’s money.

Study Guide

1. In your own words, describe the Great Commission.

2. Take some time to re-read the two passages from Sunday’s message: Matthew 25:16-20 and Matthew 25:14-19 (you can read until the end of the parable (vs 30) if you like.) What are your takeaways? Did you see anything that you hadn’t noticed before?

3. What about the 3 points from the message? How do you see them applying to your life?
As a reminder, the 3 words were:
 - Authority
 - Assignment
 - Action

4. Take some time to ponder and pray regarding your understanding of the Great Commission. Ask the Lord to clarify and inspire your view of the world around you, and your role in it.