

DAY 31

Mission Matters Most

Go, therefore, and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe everything I have commanded you.

Matthew 28:19–20

Leadership Affirmation

My primary leadership role today is to make disciples who make disciples, who make disciples, who make disciples, who make disciples.

I heard Adrian Rogers tell a story years ago about a meat-packing company founder. He was a Christian who knew he was on mission with his Sovereign Savior, Jesus Christ. One day, he met someone who didn't know him, and they asked him what he did for a living. He replied, "My chief business is to bring men to Jesus Christ. I pack meat on the side to make a living."

It does not matter whether you are a doctor, lawyer, banker, nurse, contractor, pastor, or factory worker. Our chief business is the business of bringing people to Jesus. Everything else is secondary.

We see this in the Great Commission. The Great Commission is more than a mandate to go. It is a mandate to lead. The Great Commission is a mandate to be a leader in Christ's work.

We lead through availability. There is an old preacher line that says, "The greatest ability is availability." Availability is a superpower. The smartest, the most charismatic, the most powerful, and the most gifted people in the world are useless to the Lord if they are not available to participate in His mission.

We lead through attitude. In the verse that precedes the Great Commission, Matthew reported, *And when they saw him, they worshiped him, but some doubted* (Matthew 28:17). Not only does your availability matter, but your attitude matters. The disciples have an attitude of worship. When they saw him, they prostrated themselves in humble adoration before the Lord. This is the posture of their heart towards Jesus.

To serve him, then, we must have an attitude of humility, adoration, and surrender to His authority. Many Christians are engaged in a variety of good and noble things. The most important thing is to stay on mission, to be an agent of reconciliation, to invest in others, to make disciples. Mission matters most!

Prayer for Protection

Lord, with You to guide me, I will not do ministry alone, not today, not ever again.