



July 5<sup>th</sup> – Rev Hugh Barlett

**Matthew 28:18–20** And Jesus came and said to them, “All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. <sup>19</sup> 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, <sup>20</sup> teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age.”

**Christ redemptively renews the earth**

**Inviting others to follow Christ**

**Connecting others to Him & His people**

**Calling others to a new life**

**Co-working with God**

**Genesis 1:26–27** Then God said, “Let us make man in our image, after our likeness. And let them have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the heavens and over the livestock and over all the earth and over every creeping thing that creeps on the earth.”

<sup>27</sup>So God created man in his own image, in the image of God he created him; male and female he created them.

**Daniel 7:13–14** <sup>13</sup>“I saw in the night visions, and behold, with the clouds of heaven there came one like a son of man, and he came to the Ancient of Days and was presented before him. <sup>14</sup> And to him was given dominion and glory and a kingdom, that all peoples, nations, and languages should serve him; his dominion is an everlasting dominion, which shall not pass away, and his kingdom one that shall not be destroyed.

**Why does Christianity as a faith evangelize or seek to convert people to believe in Christ? Is that rude or arrogant? Verse 18 gives us the rationale.**

**How does verse 19’s command to “make disciples” mean more than getting people to “make decisions” for Christ?**

**How has the church reached the nations? Notice how the church has gone from 11 apostles in acts to the church today!**

**Baptism reveals God’s covenantal relationship and redemptive cleansing. How does this baptismal name define our identity? Compared to other things that might define us?**

**How does verse 20 challenge us to live our entire life in accordance with Christ’s teaching?**



**How is Christ's presence both empowering and encouraging in our mission responsibilities and opportunities?**



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**Matthew 6:1–14** “Beware of practicing your righteousness before other people in order to be seen by them, for then you will have no reward from your Father who is in heaven. <sup>2</sup> “Thus, when you give to the needy, sound no trumpet before you, as the hypocrites do in the synagogues and in the streets, that they may be praised by others. Truly, I say to you, they have received their reward. <sup>3</sup> But when you give to the needy, do not let your left hand know what your right hand is doing, <sup>4</sup> so that your giving may be in secret. And your Father who sees in secret will reward you. <sup>5</sup> “And when you pray, you must not be like the hypocrites. For they love to stand and pray in the synagogues and at the street corners, that they may be seen by others. Truly, I say to you, they have received their reward. <sup>6</sup> But when you pray, go into your room and shut the door and pray to your Father who is in secret. And your Father who sees in secret will reward you. <sup>7</sup> “And when you pray, do not heap up empty phrases as the Gentiles do, for they think that they will be heard for their many words. <sup>8</sup> Do not be like them, for your Father knows what you need before you ask him. <sup>9</sup> Pray then like this: “Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name. <sup>10</sup> Your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. <sup>11</sup> Give us this day our daily bread, <sup>12</sup> and forgive us our debts, as we also have forgiven our debtors. <sup>13</sup> And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. <sup>14</sup> For if you forgive others their trespasses, your heavenly Father will also forgive you,

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### Experiencing The Father’s blessing

Not Living a superficial spiritual life

Seeking & being seen by Your Father

Praying faithfully to the Father

*How does Jesus feel about public displays of piety?*

*What are the dangers of these public displays?*

*Why do you think Jesus refers to “your Father who is in secret”?*

*What does it mean that “Your Father sees us..”?*

*How does the fact that God knows us and notices, help us live more faithfully?*



*How does Jesus emphasize the quality of our prayer life in comparison to our quantity of prayer life?*

*How does the Lord's prayer widen our prayer life from just "Hey God please give me this?"*