

When God Says...

Part 6: Go

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The Great Commission of Jesus

¹⁶ Then the eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain where Jesus had told them to go. ¹⁷ When they saw him, they worshiped him; but some doubted. ¹⁸ Then Jesus came to them and said, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. ¹⁹ Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, ²⁰ and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely, I am with you always, to the very end of the age." - Matthew 28:16-20

A piece of simple wisdom that changed the course of my family's life:

Most of us are willing to go, but we are planning on staying.
Jesus needs people who are planning to go but are willing to stay.
- Pastor E. James Scobbie

As a church, we are committed to supporting indigenous leaders who are already GOING.

A great example: Thailand

Why do we do this? Jesus called us to make disciples of all nations.

As a church, we are committed to going into local communities with the message of Jesus.

A great example - Blaine

Why do we do this? Jesus called us to make disciples in our own communities.

As a church, we are committed to teaching the Great Commandment:

"Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind and with all your strength.' The second is this: 'Love your neighbor as yourself.' There is no commandment greater than these." - Mark 12:30-31

A great example: Love where you live!

Why do we do this? Because we want you to obey Jesus.

What keeps us from going?

Fear

Aversion to discomfort

Misunderstanding

What should motivate us to listen when God says go?

God's Promise

“And surely, I am with you always, to the very end of the age.”
– Matthew 28:10

God's Purpose

“You have answered correctly,” Jesus replied. “Do this and you will live.”
– Luke 10:28

Next Steps

At the Neighboring display in the east hallway, drop a pin to show that you're willing to love where you live. If you feel called to be involved with the church in Blaine, stop by the table and talk to Pastor Tyler about this exciting new opportunity.

Small Group Questions

- 1) Where did you go last week? What was your favorite destination and what did you do while you were there?
- 2) Read The Great Commission (Matthew 28) and The Great Commandment (Mark 12). How are you being obedient to these articulations of what it means to follow Jesus?
- 3) Where is God calling you to go? What's holding you back?
- 4) Take a moment and pray for the possible church in Blaine. What did God say to you as you were praying?
- 5) God's promise and purpose is for us to live a full life. How does “going” open doors to God's fulness?
- 6) How can we pray for you right now and throughout the week?