

GOING

Going As Instructed

Matthew 28:19-20 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.

The Great Commission.

- We are **commanded** to go.
- It is our **responsibility** to go.
- It is a **privilege** to go.

Going will prevent the Great Commission becoming the **great omission!**

We must be global Christians with a global vision because our God is a global God! - John Stott

Going To Teach

*Ephesians 4:14 (nlt) Then we will **no longer be immature like children. We won't be tossed and blown about by every wind of new teaching. We will not be influenced when people try to trick us with lies so clever they sound like the truth.***

- **Solid** Christian Foundations is essential.
- **Balanced** Christian Theology is necessary.

- **Quality** Christian Education is vital.

Going With Care

*Matthew 9:36 (niv) When He saw the crowds, He had **compassion** on them, because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd.*

(see also Matthew 14:14; 15:32; 20:34; Mark 1:41)

Compassion in the original writings of the Bible means to have our **“bowels yearn and to ache.”**

- Jesus was a man of compassion.
- Jesus **personalised** people’s needs and became involved.
- Jesus was compelled to care with grace and mercy.

Expanding our hearts always starts with what we choose to see.

We can’t fix every problem - but the ones we can - we must!

Acts 1:8 ...you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.

How will we respond?

If we care about what Jesus cares about then we will be compelled to act.

We must cultivate compassionate hearts.

A passion for Jesus = a passion for the lost and hurting.

The closer we get to Jesus the more we will care for the things that He cares for.

The opposite is true, the further we get from Jesus the less we care about what He cares for!

Going As We Are Able

So how can each of us GO?

- **Go** through *visiting* on short term trips or to serve as a missionary.
- **Go** through *giving* financially to support those going and those already there.
- **Go** through *praying* for those whom we support and the unreached people groups.

Missions is not what we do but who we are!

Mark 16:15 (erv) He said to them, “Go everywhere in the world. Tell the Good News (about Jesus) to everyone.”