

# MISSION

## OUR MISSION: GC<sup>2</sup>

### THE QUESTION

We've discussed the first and most important question: "Who are we?" We saw that we as a church are a mosaic where all are broken, all matter, and One gets the glory. Now, we move from the "who" question to the "what" question. The order is important to us, as we believe that you act out of your identity. In other words, what you do does not determine who you are, but who you are determines what you do. What is it that we do here at Mosaic? We answer this question with a simple little acronym, GC<sup>2</sup>, which stands for the Great Commandment and the Great Commission.

### THE GREAT COMMANDMENT

*But when the Pharisees heard that he had silenced the Sadducees, they gathered together. And one of them, a lawyer, asked him a question to test him. "Teacher, which is the great commandment in the Law?" And he said to him, "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind. This is the great and first commandment. And a second is like it: You shall love your neighbor as yourself. On these two commandments depend all the Law and the Prophets."*  
Matthew 22:34-40 (ESV)

It is always best to take our directions from Jesus. Here we find Him identifying the two most basic and important commandments for the people of God. The first commandment is to love God with all that we are. But, what does it mean to love God? A survey of the Scriptures will show a consistent theme: we love God by valuing what He values (1 John 4:21; John 14:15; John 21:15). We care about what God cares about. This includes knowledge of what God values, a heartfelt response to that knowledge and an action in response.



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Given that list, what would it look like to love others “as ourselves”?

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## THE GREAT COMMISSION

*And Jesus came and said to them, “All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. 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 all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age.”*

Matthew 28:18-20 (ESV)

Jesus spoke these words near the end of His time on earth. They were His marching orders to the Church for after His ascension. Let’s take a look at the mission of the Church. There are four verbs in the Great Commission that drive everything. The first two, “go” and “make disciples,” give us the mission itself. The second two, “baptizing” and “teaching,” describe how we go about making disciples.

“Make disciples” is the main verb of the sentence, and it is a command. The main focus of our mission is to make disciples. But what is a disciple?

Give your definition of a disciple. Where does your definition come from?

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Given what you said above, how would one go about making a disciple?

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How does Jesus' authority give us the confidence to follow the Commission?

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## All Nations

This mission is a global mission because our God is God of the whole world. We should never be so narrow in our focus on our local context that we miss God's global purposes. Rather, we should see our local setting as a part of God's larger world. The root reason for all mission is that "God so loved the world" (John 3:16). Mosaic has several ways to plug in to cross-cultural mission work beyond Northwest Arkansas.

How will you play a part in God's global purpose to reach all nations?

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## All Time

The Great Commission does not end with a command, but with a promise. Jesus is always with His people sent to accomplish His mission. This is a promise of great comfort. Jesus will do the work in our hearts and prepare us to accomplish the mission. We cannot do this on our own. It takes total dependence on Jesus and the Holy Spirit in our lives. In the book of Acts we find that the disciples were not allowed to start carrying out the mission until they had received the Spirit. The Great Commission is not just a command to do; it is a call to be. We are called to be "sent ones." Jesus is at work in our lives making us into disciples who are to live sent on mission. That is why prayer is central to all mission. Close your time praying together for the mission of God to make disciples through you.