



FULFILLING THE GREAT COMMISSION

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THIS READING PLAN IS FOR YOU

We are going to study how the disciples responded to the Great Commission. Each of the four gospels record certain aspects of Jesus' conversation with His disciples when He commissioned them to take the gospel to the world, but only Luke records an historical account of how they actually did it! Therefore, this week we are going to look at seven sermons from the book of Acts. What we will find is that Luke's recording of the Great Commission is not just a charge to proclaim the message of salvation, it is the very message that we are to proclaim! Therefore, as you read each sermon look for how the disciples open up the Scriptures and preach Jesus. Pay attention to which passages they reference and how they use them to proclaim the gospel. Look for how their focus is to show who Jesus is, why He suffered, and why His death and resurrection prove that He is the promised Messiah. Notice how they connect the message to their hearers by confronting their guilt and pointing to Jesus for the forgiveness of sins. Consider their call for repentance, and their unapologetic proclamation that Jesus is the only name under heaven given among men by which we can be saved. Be mindful of the obedience it took to bear witness about these things to Jerusalem and the nations. And never lose sight of the fact that believers are clothed with the same power from on high today. Different sermons emphasize different things according to the intended audience (Jew, Gentile, educated, uneducated), but Luke's Great Commission is the blueprint for the gospel they preached. And if you are in Christ then the baton has been passed to you! If you have repented and believed the message of forgiveness of sins through the name of Jesus, then your eternity has been altered and your mission is to proclaim this message until the Lord returns or calls you home. Therefore, Gospel City, we pray that this week will help you behold the gospel that has led to your salvation, and we pray that you are instructed in how to proclaim the good news of Jesus to your heart, to your neighbor, and to the world.

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THE FORMAT OF THE READING PLAN WILL BE AS FOLLOWS—

READ—

When we read the Bible, we are not just reading man's thoughts about God. Neither are we merely reading what God said (a few thousand years ago). Rather what we are reading is what God says in the present tense (Hebrews 3:7). For the Word of God is living and active, and when we read it God Himself is speaking to us (Hebrews 4:12). Therefore, read each passage slowly, carefully, and attentively to every word acting as if the most important being in the universe is speaking to you, because He is.

REFLECT—

Simply reading the Word is like briskly walking by a warm fire on a cold night. But meditation is like sitting by the warm fire so that it lights up your face and warms your bones. (Don Whitney, *Spiritual Disciplines for the Christian Life*). Therefore, pick a verse from each section to meditate on. What does it mean? What does it say about God? What does it say about you? You can pick any verse. But we will suggest a verse each time in case you have trouble picking one.



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RESPOND—

We do not want to just be passive readers of the Word and allow what God says to go “in one ear and out the other.” Rather we want to be like the blessed man from psalm one who delights in God’s word and meditates/chews on/murmurs to himself/thinks over what God has said day and night (Psalm 1:3). These discussion questions are designed to help us think over what the Lord has said, and as we think and discuss the Lord will give us understanding (2 Timothy 2:7).

PRAY—

Pray to your Father that the Holy Spirit would empower the Word of Christ to become true in your hearts, your lives, this church, and this world as it is in heaven. Pray the Word back to God. For he always answers us when we pray according to his will (1 John 5:14). And the best way to pray according to his will is to pray His Word!

DAY 01

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READ—

Luke 24:44-49 + Acts 2:14-41

REFLECT—

“This Jesus God raised up, and of that we all are witnesses. Being therefore exalted at the right hand of God, and having received from the Father the promise of the Holy Spirit, he has poured out this that you yourselves are seeing and hearing.”

— Acts 2:32-33

RESPOND—

Which fundamental aspects of the Great Commission are emphasized in this sermon? How does the preacher contextualize the message based on his audience? How does this sermon help instruct us in how we ought proclaim the gospel to others?

PRAY—

Dear Father, open our minds to understand your Word. Help us to behold the crucified and risen Christ. Thank you for the forgiveness of sins. Help us to repent and believe. Remind us to proclaim this message to ourselves everyday. And empower us through your Holy Spirit to bear witness about these things to our neighbors and to the nations. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

DAY 02

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**STUDY ON
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READ—

Luke 24:44-49 + Acts 3:11-4:4

REFLECT—

“But what God foretold by the mouth of all the prophets, that his Christ would suffer, he thus fulfilled. Repent therefore, and turn back, that your sins may be blotted out.” — Acts 3:18-19

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READ—

Luke 24:44-49 + Acts 4:5-31

REFLECT—

“And there is salvation in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given among men by which we must be saved.”
— Acts 4:12

RESPOND—

Which fundamental aspects of the Great Commission are emphasized in this sermon? How does the preacher contextualize the message based on his audience? How does this sermon help instruct us in how we ought proclaim the gospel to others?

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DAY 04

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READ—

Luke 24:44-49 + Acts 8:26-40 + Isaiah 53:4-7

REFLECT—

“Then Philip opened his mouth, and beginning with this Scripture he told him the good news about Jesus.” — Acts 8:32

RESPOND—

Which fundamental aspects of the Great Commission are emphasized in this sermon? How does the preacher contextualize the message based on his audience? How does this sermon help instruct us in how we ought proclaim the gospel to others?

PRAY—

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DAY 05

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READ—

Luke 24:44-49 + Acts 10:28-47

REFLECT—

So Peter opened his mouth and said: “Truly I understand that God shows no partiality, but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him.” — Acts 10:34-35

RESPOND—

Which fundamental aspects of the Great Commission are emphasized in this sermon? How does the preacher contextualize the message based on his audience? How does this sermon help instruct us in how we ought proclaim the gospel to others?

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READ—

Luke 24:44-49 + Acts 13:16-48

REFLECT—

“Let it be known to you therefore, brothers, that through this man forgiveness of sins is proclaimed to you.” — Acts 13:38

RESPOND—

Which fundamental aspects of the Great Commission are emphasized in this sermon? How does the preacher contextualize the message based on his audience? How does this sermon help instruct us in how we ought proclaim the gospel to others?

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DAY 07

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**STUDY ON
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READ—

Luke 24:44-49 + Acts 17:22-34

REFLECT—

“The times of ignorance God overlooked, but now he commands all people everywhere to repent.” — Acts 17:31

RESPOND—

Which fundamental aspects of the Great Commission are emphasized in this sermon? How does the preacher contextualize the message based on his audience? How does this sermon help instruct us in how we ought proclaim the gospel to others?

PRAY—

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