

## God's Plan For The Nations

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### Using This Study

#### ❶ EXAMINE His Word

What does God SAY? Open your time with prayer. The words God uses to communicate matters, so go back and pay close attention to the details that are emphasized or repeated in the passage.

#### ❷ EXPLORE His Word

What does God MEAN? Asking questions of the text helps surface how the details relate to the message God wants to communicate.

#### ❸ EMBRACE His Word

Why does it MATTER to me? Embrace God by responding to what you discover in His word in faith and obedience.

*"All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. 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, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age." Mt 28:18-20*



## 🕒 EXAMINE His Word (Observation)

What does God SAY? Prayerfully note significant details and terms emphasized in the passage.

### Read Matthew 28:18-20 (NASB)

<sup>18</sup> And Jesus came up and spoke to them, saying, *“All authority has been given to Me in heaven and on earth. <sup>19</sup> Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit,*

*<sup>20</sup> teaching them to observe all that I commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age.”*

1. Who is involved in the text? Author, audience, main characters.
2. Where and when is this taking place? Geography and timeline.
3. What actions are carried out or commanded? Look for the verbs.
4. Is there anything repeated?
5. What is emphasized?
6. Is there anything in this passage that is related to other areas of scripture?
7. Are there things to be noted that are alike or unlike such as similes and metaphors?

## ② EXPLORE His Word (Interpretation)

What does God MEAN?

1. Why is it important that Jesus emphasizes that he has authority over the heavens and earth?
2. What are the four actions that Jesus instructs his disciples to do in this passage?
3. What sort of things had Jesus previously commanded to his disciples?
4. How does Jesus comfort them as they consider their task?

## ③ EMBRACE His Word (Application)

**Why does this MATTER to me?**

5. How do we know that the Great Commission applies to us today?
6. How should the knowledge of Jesus' authority (v. 18) and comfort (v. 20) shape our attitude towards sharing our faith?

7. Why does he specifically mention “all nations?” How can Clear Lake Bible Church pursue the yet unreached nations of the earth?

**Extra Credit**

In biblical usage, the word “nations” or “peoples” refers to Gentile ethnic groups. What references can you find to the “nations” or “peoples” in the Bible? What attitudes do you find that God has towards the nations?

**Summarize your thoughts on the passage:**

Write about what God wants you to KNOW, to FEEL, and to DO...

**SERMON NOTES**