

WARM-UP

- What is a country you would like to make a difference in?
- Tell about a time when obedience wasn't easy.
- Tell about a time you made right something you had done wrong.

WORD

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(Read also **GENESIS 3**.)

Despite the fall of mankind that brought sin into the world (Romans 5:12-19), God's mission remained the same: to spread His glory throughout the earth. Similarly to His command in Genesis 1, He told His followers to multiply themselves—only this time, instead of multiplying as images of God's glory, they were to multiply themselves as disciples of God. They were now to be God's instruments in redeeming the fallen world by teaching people to obey all that God had commanded.

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God's Commission

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Jesus commanded His disciples to make disciples of all nations. He was once again commanding them to go throughout the earth, but this time the command was to make disciples. His mission, to spread His glory throughout the earth, never changed. How have you obeyed the Great Commission?

2 Our Role

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Our role now, after the resurrection of Jesus Christ, is to obey His command to make disciples, by preaching the gospel and extending the message of reconciliation that Christ has to offer. We are privileged to be God’s instruments in redeeming the fallen world by spreading His glory through the gospel. How can we live our lives as a testimony to others?

APPLICATION

- How can you better embrace the Great Commission of God to go and make disciples? Think of one way that you can make it a part of your lifestyle.
- List three people that you will commit to pray for throughout the month. Pray for an opportunity to speak to these people about the love and mercy of God.
- Ask God for a nation that you would like to go to, give to, or pray for. Consistently pray for God’s provision and leading concerning this nation throughout the month and year.

