

A Model for Mission The Great Commission in the Gospel of John

John 20:19-23

1. What is the context of Jesus' words to his disciples?
 - a. Where were they?
 - b. Why were they there?
2. What effect could this meeting with Jesus have on his disciples? Why?
3. What command did Jesus give his disciples?
 - a. In what way were his disciples to carry out his command?
 - b. What were the means by which his disciples were to carry out his command?
 - c. What example or examples had his disciples been given to carry out his command?

John 1:1-18

1. From what you remember about the Christmas story, describe the conditions of Jesus' birth.
 - a. Where did his birth take place?
 - b. Describe the surroundings and circumstances?
 - c. Who were the visitors?
 - d. How was Jesus at risk even at his birth?
2. How is Jesus described in John 1?
 - a. Where did he come from? What did he leave behind?
 - b. Why did he come?
 - c. What comparisons are given in John 1?
 - d. What attractive attributes did the Gospel writer use to describe him?
3. How does verse 14 summarize the incarnation of Jesus Christ?
 - a. He ... "made his dwelling among us." Why is this significant?
 - b. How have we seen his glory?
 - c. What is the meaning of his grace?
 - d. How does his truth able to change us?

Summary

1. How is the incarnation of Jesus at the center of our message to a lost world?
2. How is the incarnation of Jesus a model for our mission?
3. If Jesus has sent us as the Father has sent Jesus, what should we do and what results should we expect?

Consider the need for mission in view of the following facts:

- a. Christianity is in every country in the world.
- b. 67% (4.6 billion) people in the world are non-Christian.
- c. 19% (2 billion) people in the world have no Gospel access.
- d. India contains the most unreached people.
- e. 75% of the world does not have a Bible. The world population is 6.8 billion, and there are 1.7 billion copies of the Bible.
- f. There are 12.5 million formal Christian workers in the world. Thus, there is 1 for every 366 non-Christians.
- g. \$18.5 trillion is the total income of all church members, which is equivalent to the GNP of North and South America combined, but only 2% is given to Christian causes.



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- h. In 1970 the top Christian continent (by population) was Europe. Africa was number 4.
- i. By 2025 Africa will be number 1; Europe number 3.
- j. House churches in China are sending missionaries to:
 - i. Southeast Asia
 - ii. Indian Subcontinent
 - iii. Central Asia
 - iv. North Africa
 - v. Middle East
- k. Today 480 Christian will be martyred.
- l. The top 10 countries where Christian persecution is most severe:
 - i. North Korea
 - ii. Iraq
 - iii. Saudi Arabia
 - iv. Somalia
 - v. India
 - vi. China
 - vii. Pakistan
 - viii. Iran
 - ix. Eritrea
 - x. Vietnam

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