



Mission for the Nations

Lesson 6 • Matthew 28:18-20

God's **HEART** for the Nations Is Revealed in His Plan for Creation and His Promise of Redemption! *Genesis 1 – 3*

God's **HOPE** for the Nations Is Revealed at the End of His Rainbow! *Genesis 4 – 11*

God's **BLESSINGS** for the Nations Are Revealed in His Covenant with Abraham! *Genesis 12:1-3*

God's **REFUGE** for the Nations Is Revealed in His Son, the Lord Jesus Christ! *Matthew 1:1-17*

"The record of the genealogy of Jesus the Messiah, the son of David, the son of Abraham:" (1:1)

"When He began His ministry, Jesus...being, as was supposed, the son of Joseph...the son of Seth, the son of Adam, the son of God." (3:38)

The Living God is a Missionary God Who Became One of Us to Multiply a MISSION for All the Nations!

The Gospel Accounts Reminds Us that Jesus' Mission Was to Multiply a Movement to Be an All-Inclusive Refuge for the Nations.

"Peace be with you; as the Father has sent Me, I also send you!" John 20:21

Jesus as the Refuge for the Nations Is Revealed in...

1. The ALL-INCLUSIVE MINISTRY of Jesus

Jesus ministered with a **STRATEGIC INTEREST** in all peoples – Jew and Gentiles.

- The **Celebration** of His Birth was inclusive.
- The **Commencement** of His Ministry was inclusive.
- The **Conclusion** of His Ministry was inclusive.
- The **Compassion** of His Ministry was inclusive.
- The **Concern** of His Ministry was inclusive.

The ALL-INCLUSIVE MINISTRY of Jesus from the Cradle to the Cross

Men & Women, Younger & Older, Slave & Free, Rich & Poor, Clean & Unclean, Religious & Irreligious, Jew & Gentile!

How Do We Evaluate Ourselves in the Following Areas?

Is your heart this inclusive?
Are your prayers this inclusive?

Is your compassion this inclusive?
Is your life mission and ministry this inclusive?

"Do for one what you wish you could do for everyone."

2. The ALL-INCLUSIVE METHOD of Jesus

What Was the Work Jesus Finished BEFORE He Went to the Cross?

"I glorified You on the earth, having accomplished the work which You have given Me to do." John 17:4

Not **just** salvation to save many individuals but **multiplication to reach every people group!**

Not **just** salvation by addition but **multiplication by transformation!**

Jesus' method was a **STRATEGIC FOCUS** on multiplication
by initiating His global mission with a few disciples among the Hebrew people.

"It did not matter how small the group was to start with so long as they reproduced and taught their disciples to reproduce..."
– Robert Coleman

3. The **ALL-INCLUSIVE MANDATE** of Jesus

Jesus' mandate gives **STRATEGIC AUTHORITY** to
*faithfully pursue the finishable task of a church planting movement of baptized, obedient disciples
who multiply disciples in their people group to go make disciples in every people group!*

An ALL-INCLUSIVE Mandate for Everyone Everywhere!

To live under a *mandate* is to be entrusted with a task of lasting significance. *Mandates* are not simply commands. By direct commands we assign small errands or daily chores. A *mandate*, on the other hand, releases **AUTHORITY** and **RESPONSIBILITY** to pursue endeavors of historic importance. God has entrusted to Christ, and with Him to the church, an **ALL-INCLUSIVE MANDATE** to fulfill His purpose for all of history.

Five Commissions Sum Up Jesus' Inclusive Mandate				
Mark 16:15-16	Luke 24:46-49	Acts 1:8	John 20:21-23	Matthew 28:18-20

*Each one has a different emphasis but all of them are **inclusive** in their ultimate goal!*

Four "ALLs" of the Great Commission in Matthew 28:18-20			
<u>ALL AUTHORITY</u> <i>We All Have the King's Permission to Go Make Disciples</i>	<u>ALL PEOPLE</u> <i>Every People Group "Ta Ethne"</i>	<u>ALL I Have COMMANDED</u> <i>Church Planting Movement E-D-M</i>	<u>ALL the DAYS</u> <i>Stay Faithful to the Task Until He Comes</i>

*A multi-generational, finishable task where Jesus is at work among us and through us to establish
a church planting movement among every people group.*

Jesus' Inclusive Mandate Is to Establish...

Gospel Sharing Movements with ALL Authority!

People Group Movements to ALL Peoples!

Disciple Making Movements that Obeys ALL of Christ's Commands!

Church Planting Movements for ALL Times Until He Comes Again!

What Difference Should It Make...

*In our everyday witnessing to know that there is **ALL AUTHORITY** behind it?*

*In daily reaching out to people who are different from you, knowing that **ALL PEOPLE GROUPS** are to be reached?*

*In our evangelism of the lost, our discipleship of the saved, and our missions to the unreached that **ALL of CHRIST'S COMMANDS**
are to be taught and obeyed?*

*In my involvement through LifeBridge in light of the fact that Jesus is present with us **ALL THE TIME**
to fulfill His mission of planting, establishing, and multiplying local churches?*

**A Great Commitment to the Great Commandment and the Great Commission Will Multiply Great Churches
with an ALL-INCLUSIVE MISSION to Be a Refuge for the Nations!**

CAUTION | **BOTH** the Great Commission **AND** Great Commandment are **IMPORTANT** but **NOT** the **SAME!**

The Great Commission Is our missional purpose that is accomplished in history over time. Matthew 28:18-20

The Great Commandment is our relational power that is to be obeyed at all times. Matthew 22:36-40