

Going To the Community

Mark 16:15-18 (NLT)

¹⁵ “And then he told them, ‘Go into all the world and preach the Good News to everyone. ¹⁶ Anyone who believes and is baptized will be saved. But anyone who refuses to believe will be condemned. ¹⁷ These miraculous signs will accompany those who believe: They will cast out demons in my name, and they will speak in new languages. ¹⁸ They will be able to handle snakes with safety, and if they drink anything poisonous, it won’t hurt them. They will be able to place their hands on the sick, and they will be healed.’”

I.

The Great Commission is a twofold mandate that requires us to make disciples of all nations and go into all the world with the Gospel.

Consider: *Matthew 28:19* and *Mark 16:15*

Because the Great Commission is a command, Jesus expects the church and all believers to obey His command.

Many churches have made the mistake of expecting the community to come to church on their own when Jesus has commanded us to go and get them.

II.

We must go to the community so lost people can be saved.

Romans 10:13-14 (CEV) says, “¹³ *All who call out to the Lord will be saved. ¹⁴ How can people have faith in the Lord and ask him to save them, if they have never heard about him? And how can they hear, unless someone tells them?*”

We must go to the community so that new believers can experience the waters of baptism.

Mark 16:16a (NIV) says, “*Anyone who believes and is baptized will be saved,*”

Going to the community allows us to warn lost people of the dangers of dying without Jesus.

Matthew 16:16b (NLT) says, “*But anyone who refuses to believe will be condemned.*”

III.

When we go to the community, we should expect signs and wonders to follow us.

Mark 16:17a (NIV) says, “*These miraculous signs will accompany those who believe*”

When we go to the community, we should expect to cast out devils.

Mark 16:17b (NIV) says, “*They will cast out demons in my name;*”

When we go to the community, we should expect for God to use us to heal the sick.

Mark 16:18c (NLT) says, “*They will be able to place their hands on the sick, and they will be healed.*”

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