

Going To the Community II

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*

When God’s people answer the call to lead in the world’s systems, we can have a positive impact on the community.

In fact, Jesus wants His people to fill the community with the culture of heaven.

Matthew 6:9-10 (NIV) says, “*This, then, is how you should pray: Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, ¹⁰your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.*”

II.

As we obey the command to go to the community, Jesus said miraculous signs will follow those who believe.

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

Some people in the community may not believe our message unless they see miraculous signs.

John 4:48 (NIV) says, “*Unless you people see signs and wonders,*” Jesus told him, “*you will never believe.*”

All God needs from His children is our faith for Him to demonstrate His power.

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

III.

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 people to be baptized with the Holy Spirit and speak in tongues.

Mark 16:17c (NLT) says, “*and they will speak in new languages*”.

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.*”