



Changing The World One Soul At A Time

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Text: **Matthew 28:18-20, Mark 16:15-16, Luke 24:46-47, Acts 1:7-8**

Introduction: Jesus often spoke about reaching out to people in need, seeking the lost, and sharing the good news with others. Personal evangelism and world evangelism was emphasized to the disciples but is applicable to the church today. We need to change the world one soul at a time. Each reference giving us the "Great Commission" teaches us another perspective on reaching out to others. Let's study together. . . .

Discussion:

I. The Gospel Will Change The Life of Someone (Matthew 28:18-20)

"All authority has been given to Me in heaven and on earth. Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all things that I have commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age."

II. The Gospel Will Change The Destiny of Someone (Mark 16:15-16)

"Go into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature. He who believes and is baptized will be saved; but he who does not believe will be condemned."

III. The Gospel Will Change The Past of Someone (Luke 24:46-47)

"Thus it is written, and thus it was necessary for the Christ to suffer and to rise from the dead the third day, and that repentance and remission of sins should be preached in His name to all nations, beginning at Jerusalem."

IV. The Gospel Will Change The Future of Someone (Acts 1:7-8)

"It is not for you to know times or seasons which the Father has put in His own authority. But you shall receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall be witnesses to Me in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth."

Conclusion: The gospel has the power to change us. Will you let it change your heart? If you have been affected by the gospel who are you telling about it? Remember the lyrics of that song: "Lead Me To Some Soul Today"? We need to continue to take the gospel to the entire world. We need to change the world one soul at a time!

WORD OF THE DAY = EVANGELISM