

Loving the Nations Matthew 28 • Acts 16 • Psalm 19

Our Commission to be "More Than an Audience" Matthew 28:18-20

Matthew 28:19 - "Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations..."

- Everyone Plays We each have an important role to play in global missions
- Pray, Give, Go
 - o 10:02 Daily Prayer
 - o Global Prayer and Praise Night Tonight at 5:00pm in the Courtyard
 - o Seeking Refuge Prayer Night This Wednesday at 7pm Details at calvarylife.org/global
 - o Give to the Calvary Reach (Missions) Fund: calvarylife.org/give
 - 2021 Go Teams: Contact Eryn Holm at eholm@calvarylife.org

Our Vision at Calvary - Part 1: Good News for Europe Acts 16:9-15

Acts 16:14 – "A woman named Lydia, from the city of Thyatira, a seller of purple fabrics, a worshiper of God, was listening; and the Lord opened her heart to respond to the things spoken by Paul."

- Lydia in Acts 16 The first known European follower of Jesus
- Mike Taylor Greater Europe Mission (G.E.M.) gemission.org
 - "The Gospel moves at the speed of relationships"

Our Vision at Calvary - Part 2: Bibles for Everyone Psalm 19:7-10

Psalm 19:7 - "The law of the Lord is perfect, restoring the soul;"

- The beauty and transforming power of God's Word
- Jo Shetler & the Balangoa people of the northern mountains of the Philippines
- 1.5 billion people, speaking 6656 languages, do not have a full Bible in their first language
- Wycliffe Bible Translation wycliffe.org



Matthew 28:18-20

Preparation

If possible, find a quiet and comfortable place. Rid yourself of distractions such as your phone, television, school work, interruptions from others, etc. Open yourself to God and intend to learn from Him. "Lord, here I am, I present myself to You. Open my heart to the truth of what is going on in my life."

2 Read the Text: Matthew 28:18-20

Read the text a few times until you have a clear understanding of what the passage is saying.

3 Contemplate + Journal

Spend time thinking about and journaling your thoughts to the following questions. If you meet with a LifeGroup, you can also share your responses with them and have a great discussion.

- What is a word or phrase the Lord impressed on you in this time? Meditate on that.
- The "Great Commission" of Matthew 28:18-20 is a command for all Christians, not just a select few. Ask the Lord, "Lord, what is my specific role in obeying this calling You have on my life?"
- Matthew 28:18 tells us to "make disciples of all nations." Ask the Lord, "Lord, what does it mean to 'make disciples'? Lord, what nations have You particularly given you a heart for or interest in?"
- Matthew 28:20 promises us that God will always be with us in the "Great Commission" calling.
 How did this promise encourage and comfort you? How does this promise give you courage and boldness?

Praise + Worship

Worship is an act or mindset shift that realigns us to the reality of who God is. Find this song on Spotify, YouTube, AppleMusic, etc. and the lyrics if you would like to read or sing along. Make this song your prayer and declaration of praise and worship as you hear truths being sung over you. Allow the Lord to minister to your heart in this time.

Song Recommendation: "Facing A Task Unfinished (We Go To All The World)" by Keith & Kristyn Getty

6 Closing Prayer

Spend some time in prayer. Whether it is simply sitting in God's loving presence, expressing thankfulness and gratitude, and/or offering up supplication, pray what is on your heart in this time.

6 Blessing

"Therefore, my beloved brothers, be steadfast, immovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, knowing that in the Lord your labor is not in vain." 1 Corinthians 15:58

NEXT STEPS

Your Response Today: Do you want to take a next step in your faith, ask for prayer, or learn more about following Jesus? Take a moment to fill out our online connection card by texting "Card" to 970-00

Connect in a LifeGroup: Grow in community together this fall with others from Calvary. There will be some groups meeting online, as well as smaller off-campus groups meeting in-person. Browse groups to join, or consider helping to start a new group by filling out the Leader Interest Form at **calvarylife.org/groups**

Discover More: Learn about ways you can connect to life at Calvary including weekly pastoral updates and online events, find resources to receive care and help through this season, and discover how we are reaching out with the good news of Jesus locally and globally at **CalvaryLife.org**

RESOURCES

Connect Online Midweek: Engage with life at Calvary each day of the week through livestream and on-demand content, plus social media posts by following us on Facebook and Instagram @calvarylife

Family Activities: Find ways to help your kids grow through fun activities to build their faith each Sunday and throughout the week with great resources provided by Calvary Town at calvarylife.org/town

Find Help or Give Help: Do you need assistance or encouragement in this season? Or, do you want to get involved and be available to help others in need? Find ways to receive help or give help at **calvarylife.org/help**

Ways to Give: Your generosity and faithfulness is making a difference locally and globally! You can give today using the Offering Boxes available by the doors in the Worship Center and Chapel, or give online at calvarylife.org/give

Corner Books + Coffee: At the Corner, we believe a good book can change a life, especially God's Word. So, every purchase provides an opportunity to help fuel Bible distribution locally and translation globally. Coffee Cart volunteers are needed for Sunday mornings! Interested in helping? Call 714.550.2459 or email rharris@calvarylife.org

SONG LYRICS

Great Things

Come let us worship our King, Come let us bow at His feet He has done great things See what our Savior has done, See how His love overcomes, He has done great things, He has done great things

Chorus: O Hero of Heaven You conquered the grave, You free every captive and break every chain O God You have done great things, We dance in Your freedom awake and alive O Jesus our Savior Your name lifted high, O God You have done great things

You've been faithful through every storm, You'll be faithful forevermore, You have done great things And I know You will do it again, For Your promise is yes and amen, You will do great things, God You do great things

Bridge: Hallelujah God above it all, Hallelujah God unshakable, Hallelujah You have done great things

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Yes and Amen

Father of kindness You have poured out grace, You brought me out of darkness You have filled me with peace, Giver of mercy You're my help in time of need, Lord I can't help but sing

Chorus: Faithful You are, Faithful forever You will be, Faithful You are All Your promises are Yes and Amen, All Your promises are Yes and Amen

Beautiful Savior You have brought me near, You pulled me from the ashes, You have broken ev'ry curse, Blessed Redeemer You have set this captive free, Lord I can't help but sing

Chorus: Faithful You are, Faithful forever You will be, Faithful You are yes You are All Your promises are Yes and Amen

Bridge: I will rest in Your promises, My confidence is Your faithfulness

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Goodness of God

I love You Lord, Oh Your mercy never fails me, All my days, I've been held in Your hands From the moment that I wake up, Until I lay my head, I will sing of the goodness of God All my life You have been faithful

Chorus: All my life You have been so so good, With every breath that I am able, I will sing of the goodness of God

I love Your voice, You have led me through the fire, In darkest night, You are close like no other I've known You as a father, I've known You as a friend, I have lived in the goodness of God

Bridge: Your goodness is running after, It's running after me, Your goodness is running after, It's running after me With my life laid down, I'm surrendered now, I give You everything, Your goodness is running after, It's running after me

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Way Maker

You are here moving in our midst, I worship You I worship You You are here working in this place, I worship You I worship You

Chorus: (You are) Way Maker Miracle Worker Promise Keeper, Light in the darkness my God that is who You are

You are here touching ev'ry heart, I worship You I worship You You are here healing ev'ry heart, I worship You I worship You

You are here turning lives around, I worship You I worship You You are here mending ev'ry heart, I worship You yeah I worship You Lord

Tag: That is who You are, That is who You are, That is who You are, That is who You are

Bridge: Even when I don't see it You're working, Even when I don't feel it You're working You never stop You never stop working, You never stop You never stop working

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