

Let us Return to the Lord

: Life of Obedience to the Lord



1. Praise

“All to Jesus I surrender” <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=SW8EA7DEQ2M>

2. Prayer

3. Scripture Reading

 Matthew 28:16-20

“Then the eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain where Jesus had told them to go. When they saw him, they worshiped him; but some doubted. Then Jesus came to them and said, “All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Therefore, go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely, I am with you always, to the very end of the age.”

4. Sharing

Have you ever participated in the mission trip? Share your most memorable experience. If you haven't participated in the mission trip, where would you like to visit? And why?

5. Two Commandments

There are many commandments in the Bible. It is impossible to keep all those commandments with our ability. But there are two most important commandments that we must obey. First, is the commandment from God to Adam to “Be fruitful and increase in number, fill the earth, and subdue it.” (Genesis 1:28). This is called ‘Cultural Mandate’. Second, is the commandment, called “The Great Mission”, that resurrected Jesus gave to the disciples, which we will be discussing in today's lesson.

6. Background

Jesus spent 40 days with his disciples after his resurrection and taught them about the kingdom of God (Acts 1:1-3). Then he calls the eleven disciples to Galilee before his ascension. Galilee is the birthplace of the Gospel. The reason Jesus gathered His disciples back to Galilee was to give the mission of spreading the Gospel that started in Galilee to the world. The disciples climbed the mountain that Jesus commanded, met Jesus and worship Him, but there were still some disciples who doubted Him. According to the ‘Deutsche Bibelgesellschaft Commentary Bible’, this can be interpreted as a lack of determination that made them hesitant to live as a witness of the resurrected Jesus, rather than doubting whether the resurrected Jesus is real. After telling these disciples that God has given him all authority in heaven and on earth, Jesus commands them to make disciples of all nations. Making disciples is a key strategy of God's mission (Missio Dei) to save the world. Hope this meeting will be a time to share and pray with each other to live a life of obedience to this command.

7. Into the Scripture

- 1) What was the first word of Jesus to the eleven disciples who climbed the mountain? (Verse 18, Philippians 2:6-11)
- 2) The core message of “The Great Commission” that Jesus gave is to make disciples of all nations. What was the method of making disciples that Jesus taught? (Verse 19, 20)
- 3) What did Jesus promise his disciples when He asked them to participate in a mission? (Verse 20)
- 4) Why did Jesus called the doubtful disciples to participate in a mission?
- 5) Teaching to obey is called “nurturing”. How did Jesus raise his disciples? (John 13:12-15, John 20:21)

8. Into Life

- 1) The first action to take in order to participate in a mission is to “Go”. Where do you think I should go?
- 2) Disciples are not born; they are made through training. Let’s share what kind of training we will be able to participate in this fall.

Pray together

1. Let’s pray that we will be able to live as missionaries in the place we were sent to.
2. Let’s pray that our church will become a community not like a cruise ship but like an aircraft carrier that trains disciples and sends people to the world.