

The Cornerstone Vision, pt. 1

Preaching the Gospel

- Mark 16:15-18 - 15 And [Jesus] said to them, “Go into all the world and proclaim the gospel to the whole creation. 16 Whoever believes and is baptized will be saved, but whoever does not believe will be condemned. 17 And these signs will accompany those who believe: in my name they will cast out demons; they will speak in new tongues; 18 they will pick up serpents with their hands; and if they drink any deadly poison, it will not hurt them; they will lay their hands on the sick, and they will recover.”
- The Great Commission
 - Matthew 28:18-20 - 18 ...All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. 19 Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, 20 teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age.
 - Luke 24:46-47 - 46 Thus it is written, that the Christ should suffer and on the third day rise from the dead, 47 and that repentance for the forgiveness of sins should be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem.”
 - Acts 1:8 - ... you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth.”
 - “witness” = martus = An eye-witness in a court of law... Someone who had seen or heard something and could tell about it.
 - John 20:21 - ...Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, even so I am sending you.
- Romans 1:16 - For I am not ashamed of the gospel, for it is the power of God for salvation to everyone who believes, to the Jew first and also to the Greek.

Making Disciples

- Matthew 28:18-20 - 18 And Jesus came and said to them, “All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. 19 Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, 20 teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age.”
 - “make disciples” = The primary verb, the main action - all other actions point to and are related to this one... It’s the only command in this section
 - mathéteuó = lit. to make into a disciple... to disciplify, to disciplize...
 - Quote: HELPS Word Studies – “helping someone to progressively learn the Word of God [and] become a matured, growing disciple (literally, "a learner," a true Christ-follower)... to train [and] develop [a person] in the truths of Scripture and the lifestyle required... helping a believer learn to be a disciple of Christ in belief and practice.”

Raising Up Leaders

- Ephesians 4:11-14 - 11 And [Jesus] gave the apostles, the prophets, the evangelists, the shepherds and teachers, 12 to equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ, 13 until we all attain to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to mature manhood, to the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ, 14 so that we may no longer be children, tossed to and fro by the waves and carried about by every wind of doctrine, by human cunning, by craftiness in deceitful schemes.

Establishing Churches

- “church” = ekklésia = an assembly... Used in Greek cities to talk about an assembly of citizens that made the decisions for the town
 - Made up of 2 words:
 - ek = double meaning of “out from” and “to”
 - kaleo = “to call”

- Those who are called out from one thing and into another, ie. the church, called out of the world and into God's family
- English "church" = comes from Greek kyriakos = "belonging to the Lord"

Until the Whole Earth is Filled with the Glory of the Lord

- Habakkuk 2:14 - For the earth will be filled with the knowledge of the glory of the Lord as the waters cover the sea.
- Psalm 22:27 - All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to the Lord, and all the families of the nations shall worship before you.
- Revelation 7:9-10 - 9 After this I looked, and behold, a great multitude that no one could number, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, clothed in white robes, with palm branches in their hands, 10 and crying out with a loud voice, "Salvation belongs to our God who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb!"