

## What Is The Great Commission?

**We often hear the term 'The Great Commission' but do we know what it means? And how does it relate to my school and community?**

Your school is a tapestry of people, personalities, cultures and ethnic backgrounds. It's a beautiful picture of the variety of God's creation. And it is in this magnificent spectrum of His creation that God invites us to be part of His Great Commission. It's the most important thing Jesus taught his disciples before he ascended back to heaven. It is found in Matthew 28:18-20, Mark 16:15 and Acts 1. The Great Commission has also been called THE Cause (Luke 19:10).

- The Great Commission is Christ's command to all Christians for all time to share the good news (the Gospel) of Jesus with everyone and live it out everywhere in the world, giving every person the opportunity to personally trust in Christ and grow as his disciple.
- The Great Commission lifts up the Gospel of Jesus as the most important and powerful message in the world, the only eternal hope for mankind (Romans 1:16).
- The Great Commission reveals God's heart and love for every person from every family and race. God loved the world so much that He gave His only son (John 3:16).
- The Great Commission also means that everyone who receives Christ is to have the opportunity to grow and be equipped as a disciple and follower of Jesus (Matthew 28:19-20).
- The Great Commission is going to be completed. The Scriptures tells us that everyone is going to have the chance to hear and respond, and when that happens Christ will return (Matthew 24:14).
- Every Christian has the opportunity and responsibility to help in some way with THE Cause, the Great Commission. When we do, we discover our true purpose (2 Corinthians 5:19-20, Ephesians 2:10). It is at the heart of following Jesus Christ.

Praying for others, caring and sharing the Good News is the work of the Great Commission. Students on campus have an awesome opportunity to be involved. Adult leaders, educators and parents have a significant role through their prayer, leadership and influence.

Your school and community are all part of God's Great Commission. Take a step of faith, be involved.