

## ***OUR COMMITMENTS AS A GOSPEL-COMMISSIONED CHURCH***

### *Part 2: Matthew 28:16-20*

The mission of our church is anchored upon the Great Commission of our Lord Jesus Christ. For the glory of God, in obedience to Jesus Christ and by the power of the Holy Spirit, we, as a Church, strive together to fulfill this mission: *We are a Gospel-Commissioned, Disciple-Making Church which Proclaims God's Word, Equips God's People and Witnesses to the Lost.* Faithfulness to Christ's Great Commission demands the following commitments we need to make as a Gospel-Commissioned, Disciple-Making Church.

***1. We are a Church committed to worship the risen and reigning Christ.***

***2. We are a Church committed to obey the mission strategy of Christ.***

***3. We are a Church committed to \_\_\_\_\_.***

Jesus' Great Commission involves teaching the people of God the Word of God. Jesus said "teach them to observe everything I have commanded you" (Matt. 28:20). Jesus' teachings, commands and instructions comprehensively include divine truths about God and man, life and death, sin and salvation, righteousness and unrighteousness, the church and the world, angels and demons, eternal heaven and eternal hell. The entire Scriptures, both the Old and the New Testament have one voice proclaiming the glory of the person, work and teachings of Jesus (John 5:39; 1 Cor. 1:23; Col. 1:28). The church is mandated by Christ to teach God's people the whole counsel of God written in His Word (Acts 20:27). The singular direction of the teaching and pulpit ministry of our church is geared towards the faithful proclamation and preaching of sound doctrine for godly living (2 Tim. 4:3-4). It is the faithful teaching of biblical truth that makes and grows true disciples of Christ.

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***4. We are a Church committed to \_\_\_\_\_.***

The goal of our teaching ministry is not merely the transfer biblical information. The goal of our teaching is lifelong obedience to Jesus Christ as the Lord of our lives (Matt. 28:20). In other words, our Lord Jesus is chiefly concerned about how we live our lives from Monday to Sunday in obedience to His teachings and commands. The faithful instruction of God's Word must lead to an obedient lifestyle. As a church, our mission is to equip, prepare, train and guide believers towards lifelong obedience to Christ, spiritual maturity and effective ministry through the Word of God. Without God's Word, the equipping of God's people will never take place. Our Lord Jesus has gifted His church with pastors and teachers who are called to teach God's Word for the purpose of equipping the saints for the work of service and the building up of the body of Christ (Eph. 4:11-12). Let us praise the Lord that the Spirit of God through His Word is mightily working in equipping our church to serve the Lord faithfully and fulfill the Great Commission joyfully.

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