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CFBC Wednesday Prayer Meeting**Handout****“A Biblical Perspective on Missions”****Matthew 28:18-20****(03/27/2024)**

Introduction

Biblical missions are the core function of the NT church. It is, if you like one of the pillars on which the Church stands. The Church is about the message of the Gospel, it is about taking God’s inerrant Word and proclaim it. The church must fulfill its function of being a transmitter of God’s word both locally and places the Gospel is not known. The church is an entity through which missions are made possible. **Biblical Missions would not exist apart from the authority of the local church.**

The local church by the preaching and upholding the word of God bears fruit and recognizes gifts in man, nurtures and encourages the desire in a believer to be sent to the field. But on a reverse effect, biblical missions vitalize the local church. They are tremendous force of encouragement to Believers in seeing what the word of the LORD is accomplishing in territories Christ is little or not known.

Churches that are not involved in mission work at all, do not understand their proper function and misunderstand or ignore the mandate of the Great Commission.

A closer look at of the Great Commission Matthew 28:18-20

Matthew 28:18-20 “And Jesus came and said to them, ^h“All authority ⁱin heaven and on earth has been given to me. ¹⁹^jGo therefore and ^kmake disciples of ^lall nations, ^jbaptizing them ^min ⁿthe name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, ²⁰ teaching them ^oto observe all that ^pI have commanded you. And behold, ^qI am with you always, to ^rthe end of the age.”

In **Mark 16:14** “And he said to them, ¹Go into all the world and ^uproclaim the gospel to ^vthe whole creation.” **Luke 24:47-48** “and that ^qrepentance for ³ the forgiveness of sins should be proclaimed in his name ^sto all nations, ^tbeginning from Jerusalem. ⁴⁸ ^uYou are witnesses of these things.” And then in the Gospel of **John 20:21** “Jesus said to them again, “Peace be with you. As ^jthe Father has sent me, ^keven so I am sending you”

As a main verb to *make disciples* is to disciple a person or to bring him into a relation of disciple teacher. It is taking the yoke of the LORD and accept what he says is true (Matt. 11:29). With discipleship comes *discipline*, with it comes *hearing*, *understanding* and *obeying* all the teachings

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