

The Gospel of Mark  
Final Instructions  
Mark 16:15-20

In our world of ambition and drive we find ourselves often asking the question, “What next?” A team wins a national championship, what next? A student graduates from college, what next? An employee lands that big promotion, what next? If we are not careful, we can be lulled into status quo, and soon we find that we live in the glory and memories of the past.

1. God gives us His power to enable us to go.
2. God gives us His plan to encourage us to go.
3. God gives us His presence to embolden us to go.

We shouldn't see the Great Commission as the last words of Jesus. Instead, we should see it as lasting words. It was always intended to be an ongoing mission transcending not only geographical and cultural boundaries but generational boundaries as well. As long as generations are being born, as long as people groups remain unreached, and as long as Jesus delays His return, we must continue to be “What Next?” Christians.

For further consideration

On a scale of 1-10, how would you rate your Great Commission obedience? Think about the things you talk about with your friends and family and consider how often those conversations become gospel conversations. Are you actively inviting people to come and hear the gospel preached? Who are you discipling or being disciplined by, not just through the overall discipleship programs of the church like preaching and teaching in worship and small groups, but in individual relationships with people who are also seeking to live godly lives that point people to the power of Christ? What steps can you take to be better equipped to share the love of Christ with others. If you were to answer the question, “What Next?”, what would that answer be?