

GOING

GOING AS INSTRUCTED

*Matthew 28:19-20 (niv) Therefore **go and make disciples of all nations**, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, ²⁰ and **teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you.***

The Great Commission.

- We are **commanded** to go.
- It is our **responsibility** to go.
- It is a **privilege** to go.

Going will prevent the Great Commission becoming the **great omission!**

We must be global Christians with a global vision because our God is a global God! - John Stott

Seven Reasons Why ACC is Involved in World Missions

- Going is the vehicle that expresses the heart of a loving God towards a lost and hurting world.
- Going gives ACC an opportunity to express God's love through corporate action.

- Going is how God reconciles the world to Himself and brings the local church a strong sense of its ambassadorship for Christ.
(*2 Corinthians 5:20*)
- Going develops and engenders qualities in the church that are consistent with what Jesus taught and lived. (*Philippians 2:1-11*)
- Going gives ACC an opportunity to give sacrificially. (*John 3:16*)
- Going causes ACC to look out beyond itself.
(*Mark 16:15*)
- Going promotes growth and ministry expression.

GOING TO TEACH

*Ephesians 4:14 (nlt) Then we will **no longer be immature** like children. We won't be tossed and blown about by **every wind of new teaching**. We will not be **influenced** when people try to trick us with lies so clever they **sound like the truth**.*

- Teaching is necessary.
- Foundations are essential.

GOING WITH CARE

Galatians 6:2 (gw) Help carry each other's burdens. In this way you will follow Christ's teachings.

- We need to carry each other's burdens.

*Matthew 9:36 (niv) When He saw the crowds, He had **compassion** on them, because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd.*

(see Matthew 14:14; 15:32; 20:34; Mark 1:41)

- Jesus responded with compassion, He **personalised** their need and became involved.

How will we respond?

- A passion for Jesus = a passion for the lost.
- If we care about what Jesus cares about then we will be compelled to act.

GOING AS WE ARE ABLE

So how can each of us GO?

- **Go** through **visiting** on short term trips or to serve as a **missionary**.
- **Go** through **giving** financially to support those going and those already there.
- **Go** through **praying** for those whom we support and the unreached people groups.

Missions is not what we do but who we are!

Mark 16:15 (erv) He said to them, “Go everywhere in the world. Tell the Good News to everyone.”