



God's Grand Story: From Commission to Coronation

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Welcome to Global Impact Sunday! Each year, we celebrate what God is doing in His global Kingdom through you, Grace Community Church!

Daniel 7:13-14 NET —

*"I was watching in the night visions,
And with the clouds of the sky
one like a son of man was approaching.
He went up to the Ancient of Days
and was escorted before him.
To him was given ruling authority, honor, and sovereignty.
All peoples, nations, and language groups were serving him.
His authority is eternal and will not pass away.
His kingdom will not be destroyed.*

Revelation 5:7-10 NET — "Then he came and took the scroll from the right hand of the one who was seated on the throne, and when he had taken the scroll, the four living creatures and the twenty-four elders threw themselves to the ground before the Lamb. Each of them had a harp and golden bowls full of incense (which are the prayers of the saints). They were singing a new song:

*"You are worthy to take the scroll
and to open its seals
because you were killed,
and at the cost of your own blood you have purchased for God
persons from every tribe, language, people, and nation.
You have appointed them as a kingdom and priests to serve our God, and they will reign on the earth."*

The Coronation of Christ will not happen until there are redeemed worshippers of Christ from every people group on our planet.

When Jesus gave His final instructions to His followers, He made it clear that the message of the Gospel **MUST** go to every nation, people, tribe, and tongue.

Matthew 23:39 ESV — "For I tell you, you will not see me again, until you say, 'Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.'"

Matthew 24:14 ESV — "And this gospel of the kingdom will be proclaimed throughout the whole world as a testimony to all nations, and then the end will come."

Jesus gave His commission 5 different times in 5 different places. These were recorded in each of the 4 Gospels and the Book of Acts, beginning on the day of His resurrection, ending on the day of His ascension, and at least 3 other times in between. He repeatedly instructed His followers to take the message of the Gospel to every people group on the planet.

As followers of Jesus who want to do our part to obey the Great Commission, by the power of the Holy Spirit, what does that look like here, at Grace Community Church?

God has given us a legacy and a calling to respond to Christ's Great Commission in three major ways:

1. We are a SENDING CHURCH.

3 John 6 NASB — "...You will do well to send them on their way in a manner worthy of God."

3 John 8 NASB — "Therefore we ought to support such people, so that we may prove to be fellow workers with the truth."

How do we send in a manner worthy of God?

- We pray for our workers.
- We support them financially.
- We know them through encouragement, communications, visits, and hosting.

2. We are a WELCOMING CHURCH.

We welcome refugees, immigrants, and internationals from unreached people groups.

3. We are a GOING CHURCH.

An **unreached frontier people group** is any ethno-linguistic group that has no ready access to the Gospel (neither believers, churches, nor Scriptures in their language). Without someone going to them, there will not be a Kingdom movement among them.

One-third of Earth's 8 billion people say they are Christian.

One-third of Earth's population is not Christian but has ready access to the Gospel message through nearby believers, churches, or scriptures in their language.

One-third of the earth's population lives in the dark, with no access to the Gospel message.

Sadly, less than 5% of the global missionary workforce and less than 1% of all mission funding in the global church goes to the unreached third of humanity.

But things are changing! God is at work! His global Church is more united now than ever before in this mission. Cooperation among churches and great commission organizations is seeing great advances in church planting and Bible translation efforts toward the unreached.

Partly because of this new cooperation but even more because of a mighty outpouring of the Holy Spirit, there are currently almost 2000 known and tracked **Disciple Making Movements** taking place on the planet. These are defined as rapidly growing, indigenous, groups of Jesus-followers who start more groups of followers to at least the 4th generation.

With the resources available to the church both in treasure and people and by the power of the Holy Spirit poured out at Pentecost, we CAN get this Great Commission done! We CAN help bring history from Commission to Coronation!

If God has spoken to your heart today, and you want to commit to being personally, intentionally involved in one or more of those three ways – Sending, Welcoming, or Going, please scan the QR code so we can be in touch with you about how to take the next step.

