

Marching Orders

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I. Introduction.

- A. Text: Matthew 28:1-10, 16-20.
- B. Over two billion people are without a visible witness.
- C. There are three factors involved in the commission of Jesus.

II. Authority.

- A. Matthew is the gospel of the king.
- B. Jesus has authority and he wants to exercise authority through us.
- C. The nature of the Christian faith demands that we reach out.

III. Activity.

- A. The only commandment in Matthew 18:19-20 is to make disciples..
- B. Disciples are to be made "while we are going."
- C. The emphasis is not on a calling to "go" but to make disciples.
- D. A disciple is an apprentice.

IV. Ability. The church has not been orphaned--Jesus is with us.

Application questions:

1. Why is it that the Christian faith demands outreach by its nature?

2. What does it mean to make a disciple?

3. Why is Jesus' presence an "ability?"
